Gov't takeover of Mt. Diwalwal creates confusion

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Gloria excited to be a grandma

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—President Macapagal-Arroyo will soon become a *lola* (grandmother) and this early she has started doting on her would-be grandchild, the first in the presidential

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'We're solid for Gloria'

Joe de V says Roco could get a new job

By Juliet L. Javellana

SOLID as solid can be.

Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. yesterday doused fears that the People Power Coalition (PPC) could be heading for a split between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Raul Roco, saying "the entire leadership" of the ruling Lakas, including all 16 regional chairs, was behind her as "the coalition candidate in 2004."

De Venecia, the President's co-chair of Lakas, denied a congressman's claim Friday that he, former President Fidel Ramos and other party stalwarts were "not for Gloria" and would back Roco against her in the 2004 polls.

"She is the overwhelming choice for standard-bearer," the Speaker said, and quoted Ramos, the party's chair emeritus, as saying he would not run in the next elections.

"He and I are supporting the President," the Speaker said. "She's our unconditional choice for 2004."

He also cited the support of Sen. Robert Barbers, Lakas vice president for Mindanao; Sen. Loren Legarda, VP for the Visayas; Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, VP for Mindanao; Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, secretary general; and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., executive vice president.

As though to smooth the other kinks in Lakas, De Venecia said Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., the party president, would "most likely accept a major new Cabinet post" very soon. The Speaker did not elaborate, but it was previously reported that Malacañang was offering Guingona the post of "Mindanao czar."

As what happened when Roco quit as education chief, controversy attended Guingona's resignation last month as foreign secretary.

Batanes Rep. Florencio "Butch" Abad, president of the Liberal Party, said it was urgent that the President and Roco reconcile so as not to force the PPC to choose between them.

But De Venecia expressed doubt that Roco, head of the Aksyon Demokratiko party, was a worthy opponent for Ms Macapagal both in the coalition and in the 2004 election.

"We've already seen that in the 1998

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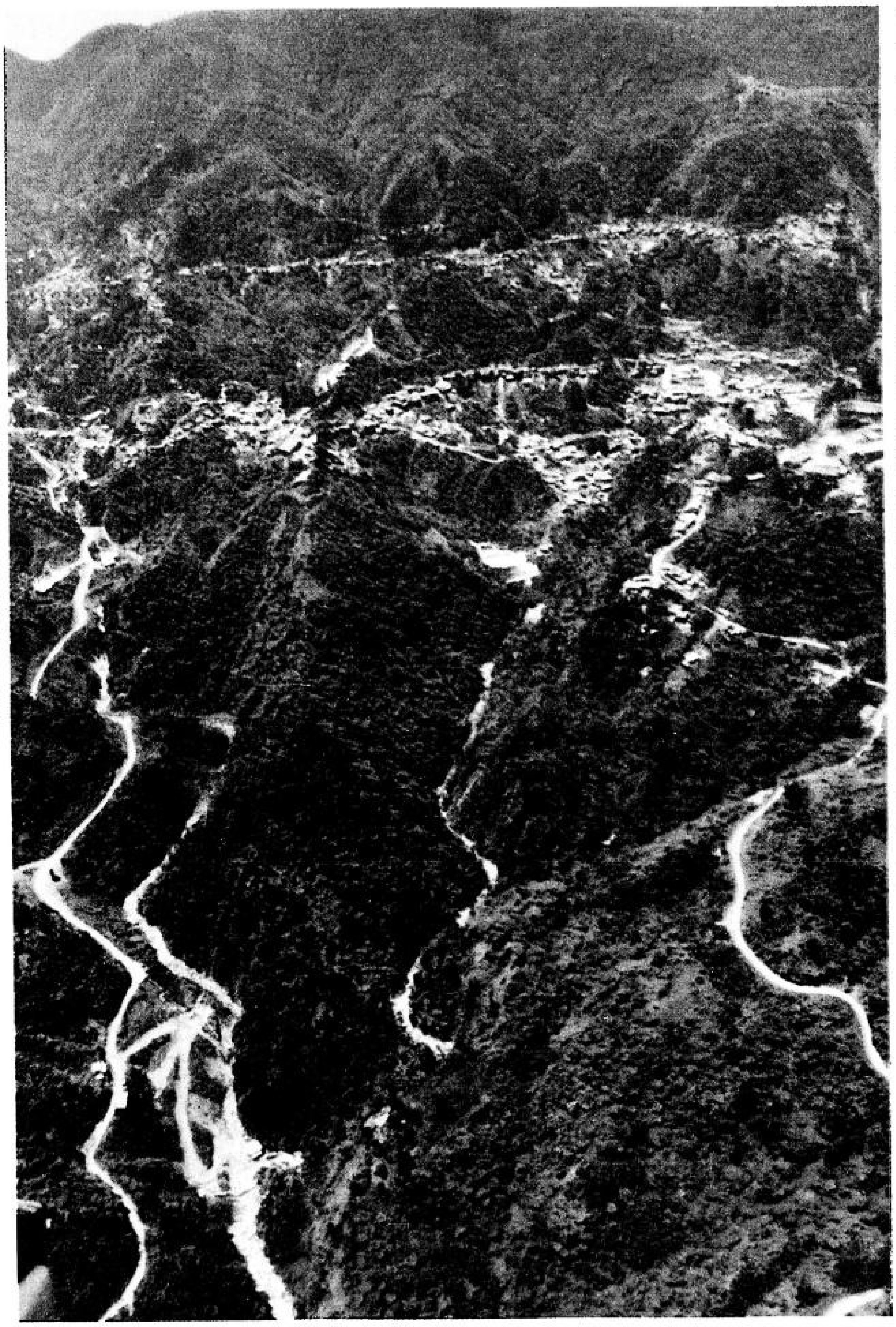

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

MOUNTAIN IN TEARS

Toxic mine tailings flow down the gold-rich Mt. Diwalwal in Monkayo, Compostela Valley. The government has temporarily taken over the gold-rich mountain, the site of unregulated mining since 1983, to clean up the pollutants and work out an equitable sharing scheme between small miners and the big mining companies. Photo taken during aerial survey of DENR Secretary Alvarez.

Roco steals the show at Sharon's concert

By Leah Salterio
and Donna S. Cueto

RAUL Roco stole the thunder from the other celebrities who watched Sharon Cuneta's full-house concert Friday night.

When the camera focused on the ex-education secretary and projected his face on the video wall, the audience erupted into thunderous applause.

The crowd at the Araneta Coliseum was composed of Cuneta's C-D fans interspersed with her A-B followers, a number of politicians and show biz personalities. The patron tickets sold for P1,500 each.

Cuneta acknowledged Roco's presence and proceeded to mention the other prominent celebrities in the audience.

"But the applause accorded the others was not as loud as the one for Roco," noted lawyer Miguel Fernando Ponce III, who watched the concert, dubbed "Mega Event," with his wife Jenine. "*Iba ang dating.*"

It was Roco's first major public appearance since he resigned the top post of the Department of Education last Tuesday.

In a brief spiel, Cuneta said: "It's a right move, Senator Roco . . . for you to come here."

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Guessing game is on for new DepEd secretary

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

PLACE your bets for the next education secretary.

President Macapagal-Arroyo sounded out her first choice Friday night, hours after formally accepting Raul Roco's resignation, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

Bunye refused to disclose the President's choice, but dangled

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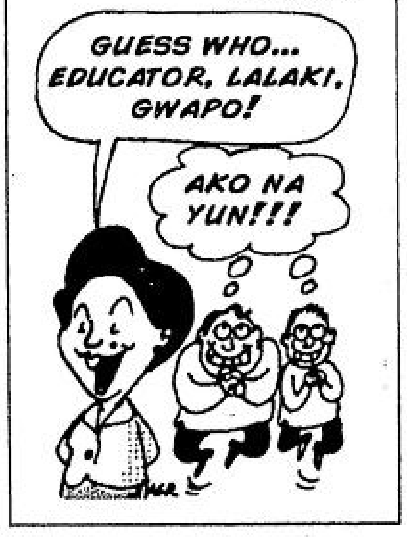

GUESS WHO... EDUCATOR, LALAKI, GWAPO!
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Law-enforcement critic now sings praises to Pacer

By TJ Burgonio

THE NO. 1 critic of the country's law enforcers is now singing a different tune, saying the anti-kidnapping campaign of the Philippine National Police is paying off.

Teresita Ang-See of the Citizens' Action Against Crime, who had been critical of the PNP's failure to arrest the kidnapping problem in the past, said the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) was proving to be effective against kidnap syndicates.

She noted a lull in kidnapping incidents over the past month—there were only three reported and unreported incidents in the one-month period ending the middle of this month.

Last month, the only incident of kidnapping reported in the papers was that of Princess Nicole Castillo, who was abducted by her biological father and a cohort in Cabanatuan City on July 21.

Pacer agents rescued the girl from her father, Albert Batac, and arrested the other suspects in a series of operations in Metro Manila two days later.

This month, the only reported incident was the abduction of businessman Gaudioso Villasor, his wife Carmen, their nurse Jovelyn Canaan, and family driver Ariel Abang by Pentagon gang members in South Cotabato last Wednesday.

Gaudioso was freed to raise the P30-million ransom demand early Friday morning. With his help, authorities rescued the other hostages during a raid on the suspects' hideout.

Ang-See, who was all praises for Sen. Panfilo Lacson when he was PNP

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MIRIAM Santiago will not run for Senate "to breathe life to that dying institution."

Coming full circle, Maid Miriam turns marm

By Juliet L. Javellana

WHILE politicians are positioning, scheming and casting a moist eye on 2004, the woman who nearly became president in 1992 is turning her back on politics for good and embarking on a career as the Grand Dame of the academe.

Former Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago has come full circle. From the academe to politics and back to the academe.

She will teach at the De La Salle University in Taft Avenue, Manila, starting the second trimester next month.

If talks go well, she will also teach philosophy at the University of the Philippines and International Relations at the University of Asia and the Pacific in November.

Ateneo de Manila University, she said, is another prospect.

Santiago will teach two subjects in La Salle—International Law and Politics and Governance.

She will teach the newly created subject Seminar on Philippine politics and Governance, which will be held on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

But quitting politics does not mean she's quitting from making her usually tart observations about politics and its practitioners. She's an expert at throwing punishing epithets.

"Politics is insuperably dull," Santiago said to explain her crossover from politics to the academe. "Many

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western sections of Central and Southern Luzon will have cloudy skies with rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be mostly cloudy with rainshowers.

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Diwalwal closure creates confusion

By Ayan C. Mellejor
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Gerald G. Lacuarta

TUBURAN, Compostela Valley—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources finally served the closure order on mining operations at Mt. Diwata (also known as Diwalwal) here. Instead of providing relief, however, the DENR takeover has only created confusion.

Diwalwal in Monkayo, Compostela Valley, has been the site of unregulated gold mining since 1983.

Under the closure order personally served by Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez yesterday, mining companies are barred from entering the gold-rush area, but their 2,500 laborers would still be allowed to mine.

Local government officials stared at each other in disbelief as Alvarez made this pronouncement during a meeting attended by local officials and large-mining operators at the headquarters of the Army's 701st Infantry Brigade here.

The Compostela Valley governor, Jose Caballero, said he did not understand Alvarez's order.

"They have to sustain their daily living while we are in the transition process," Alvarez said, explaining why he was allowing some people to mine while barring others.

He made a distinction between large-scale miners who are to stop operations and small-time miners who are to be allowed to go on mining.

As far as he was concerned, Alvarez said JB Mining, owned by Monkayo Mayor Jose Brillantes, and Helica and Blucor, belonging to former Tagum City Mayor Rey Uy, were large-scale operations with estimated total income of P5 billion.

A miner commented, however, that allowing small-scale miners to continue with their mining activities would eventually turn them into big miners.

"Would that mean after a while, they would also be barred from the mines?" the miner asked.

Alvarez said the small-scale miners had to be allowed to earn some form of livelihood while waiting for the government to arrive at a formula for giving them the means to survive.

Alvarez said the closure order was to take effect yesterday but the various parties to the controversial mining site claimed to be confused about it.

Confused and bewildered?

Caballero said local officials had not been informed of the date of effectivity and said he would not allow a surprise implementation of the closure order.

"I want to put things in proper order," he said.

Uy said his company was willing to stop operations, but only from Aug. 29.

National police chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane said definite date had been decided on the implementation of the closure order.

"Don't ask me on the technical aspect, it is up to the DENR," he said.

In a press briefing at Mawab, Davao del Norte later yesterday, Ebdane and Armed Forces Chief Roy Cimatu indicated the security nightmare that the police and military will face in enforcing the government's takeover of the gold-rush area.

An estimated 1,000 loose firearms could be hidden in the mine tunnels and private armories in Diwalwal, they said.

Ebdane said the number was only an estimate.

"We don't even know where these tunnels are. The DENR would have to take the lead in identifying these tunnels and the PNP and AFP would lend support to the enforcement of peace and order in the area," he said.

Cordillera formula

Alvarez said the government was taking over the mining site in order to share Mt. Diwata's wealth with the mine laborers.

From the current 40 to 60 percent sharing practice in favor of the operation's financiers, Alvarez said it would be reversed to 60-40 in favor of the laborers.

He said the same formula was used and had been found to work in the Cordillera mines.

"This reverse sharing system would mean that more would go to the workingman," Alvarez said.

Brillantes said he had no objections to the 60-40 sharing.

"I am more concerned about the environment. From my point of view, the government's move was ideal," he said.

Troops move in

Alvarez yesterday signed a memorandum deputizing the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces as peacekeepers in the Diwalwal area to make official the deployment of the police and military forces in the mining site.

A 600-strong PNP-AFP special security force is expected to move in today, while the DENR presides over a meeting of Diwalwal mining stakeholders.

Cimatu said Army troops from the 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro City would be moved into Diwalwal anytime today.

Cimatu said the soldiers would help in addressing the three major problems in the gold-rush area: mining management, pollution, peace and order and the communist insurgency.

"We will launch an intensified operation against the New People's Army within the vicinity of Diwalwal," he said.

Ebdane said the PNP would also come up with its own security plan for Diwalwal.

He ordered the Southern Mindanao police director, Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, to submit a report on everything that happens in the area.

"All actions should be documented. Enforce the ban on the use of explosives," Ebdane ordered.

The PNP chief also directed police to confiscate undocumented firearms and check on the security guards employed by the miners.

Source of firepower

Sources in the Diwalwal mining community said the bulk of the loose firearms belonged to private security agencies hired by the three big mining companies—JB Mining, Helica and Blucor. JB Mining alone reportedly has a cache of 300 firearms.

Cimatu also said some AFP personnel deployed in areas around Diwalwal have been reportedly moonlighting as private guards in some tunnels, and thus have added their firepower to that of the miners.

Another source of firearms are the NPA guerrillas operating in Compostela Valley, estimated by the military to be 300-strong. The NPA allegedly benefits from the illegal mining operations by imposing revolutionary taxes.

ALVAREZ

Decline in RP gold output seen

THE CLOSURE of the Mt. Diwalwal gold mining site in Compostela Valley may have a significant impact on the country's gold production in the second semester, an official from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau said.

According to the assessment by the bureau's mine economics division, there could be a decline in the volume of gold production in the second half with the prolonged suspension of operations in Diwalwal, said mining economist Benjamin de Vera.

The MGB official said, however, it was still difficult to determine the extent of the decline as a result of Diwalwal's closure.

Small, medium and large-scale mining operations in Diwalwal contribute some 20 percent of the Philippines' entire gold production, equivalent to P2 billion worth of gold annually.

Though there has been a sporadic stopping of mining operations in the site for the past two months, De Vera said there was no dampening effect on the first-semester gold production as Diwalwal's small miners still managed to sell some gold to the central bank. ***Christine A. Gaylican***

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Sabah deportees swelling Zambo population

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Malaysia was set to deport some 10,000 Filipinos between now and Aug. 28, Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat said yesterday.

She did not welcome the news, since many of the returnees were bound to disembark in her city.

"We cannot accommodate all of them here, we have our own problems and concerns," she told the INQUIRER.

Lobregat said that so far, weekly arrivals of commercial flights bearing up to 250 illegal immigrants from Malaysia, had considerably bloated Zamboanga's population. This could aggravate the city's social problems, she said.

Large numbers of Filipinos living in Malaysia had been deported in recent weeks after Kuala Lumpur imposed tough laws against anyone found guilty of illegal entry, or harboring illegal immigrants.

Worried

Since January, according to the social welfare office, some 7,700 Filipinos had been sent home by Kuala Lumpur. The whole of last year, the total number was 9,000.

Something else worried Lobregat: "Is there a system in place by which we can determine if the deportees have criminal records or not?"

She has brought this issue all the way to Malacañang.

In a meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo, Lobregat complained that the repatriation procedures were disorganized, with the returnees "all mixed together." In fact, she told the President, outlaws could slip in during the confusion.

Bunye himself said, "It's possible that some (of the returnees) will not be (Filipinos), and would just take advantage of the mass movement to slip into the country."

Security

In fact, there have been earlier concerns that Islamic militants from other Southeast Asian countries could slip in this way.

President Macapagal has assigned the social welfare office to carefully process the returnees. She also appointed diplomats "to deal with the situation," Bunye said.

Zenaida Arevalo, deputy director of the Department of Social Welfare and Development in Western Mindanao, told the INQUIRER that her office had been instructed to closely monitor deportees who had been jailed in Malaysia.

Lobregat has proposed that the deportees be brought straight to their places of origin. The Navy, for one, is listening.

Bongao stop

Commodore Ernesto de Leon, commander of the Naval Forces South, said some of the deportees that the Navy was picking up from Sandakan, Malaysia, would be brought to Bongao Island, from where they could go straight home to Sulu or Tawi-Tawi.

The Philippine foreign department also previously announced plans to send naval vessels to Malaysia's Sabah state in Borneo to repatriate some 600 Filipino illegals. ***Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau with a report from AFP***

'Milenyo' toll: 26 still missing

THE DEATH toll caused by tropical depression "Milenyo" has reached 30 after another man was reported killed in Iloilo City on Friday, the Office of the Civil Defense said yesterday.

The latest casualty was identified as Erwin Alianza of Iloilo City.

The number of persons who went missing after days of torrential rains also rose to 26. Of these, 22 were residents of Negros Occidental and four from Negros Oriental, the same reports said.

So far, a total of 168,052 persons or 33,075 families, mostly in Negros Oriental, have been affected by the tropical depression.

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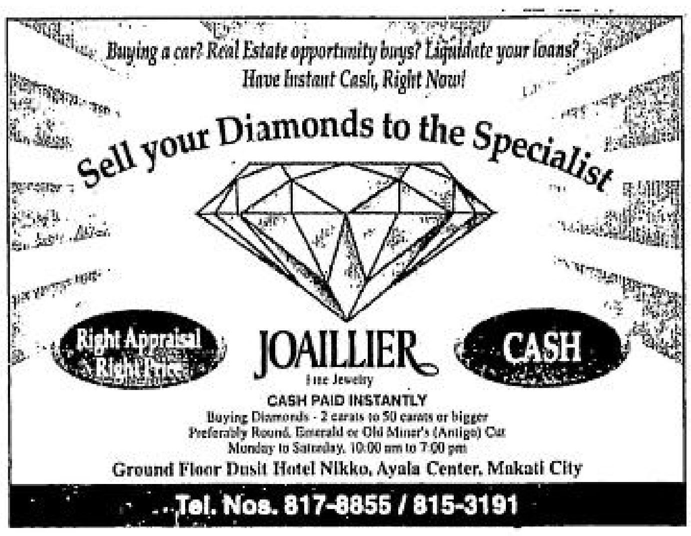

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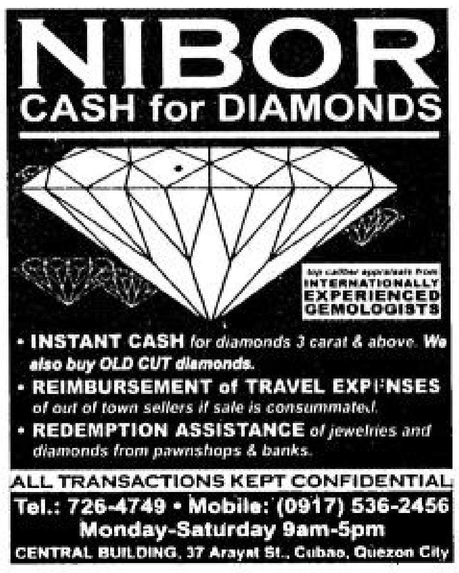

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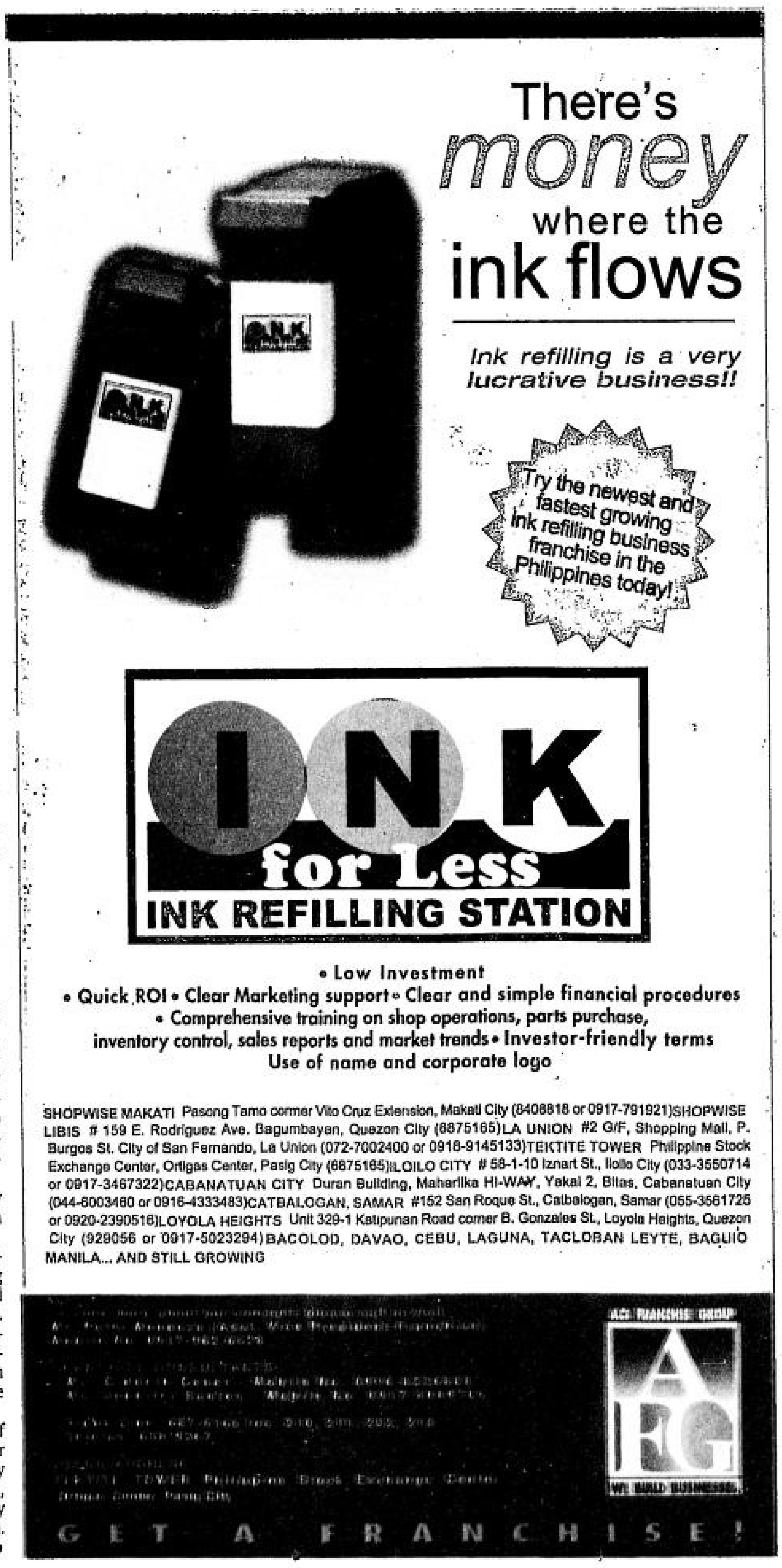

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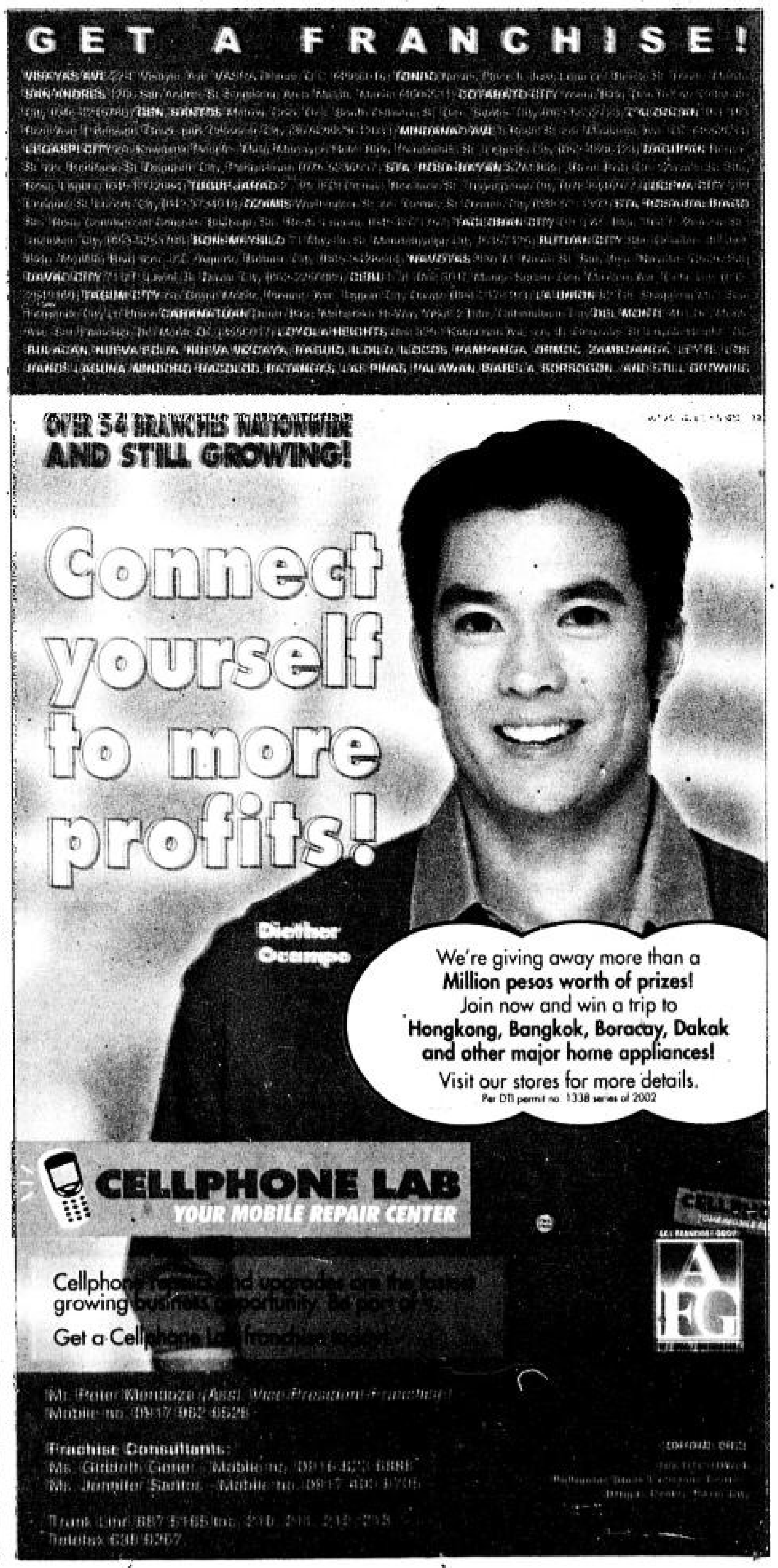

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Rebels call for attacks on US troops, companies

PROTESTING the label "terrorist," the spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines yesterday pressed for attacks on American troops and businesses in the country.

Gregorio Rosal said the CPP's inclusion in the United States' list of foreign terror organizations was a preparation for "justifying (America's) violation of Philippine sovereignty," and for launching a war of aggression against local communist guerrillas.

In a statement released in Baguio City, Rosal said US troops were vulnerable targets of tactical offensives by the CPP's military arm, the 12,000-strong New People's Army, and therefore bound to suffer more casualties.

Rosal, also known as "Ka Roger," likewise said US economic interests in the Philippines could be hit through labor unrest by leftist unions. He called on "patriotic workers" to launch protest strikes for Red guerrillas to stage "calculated pressure."

"American companies will realize just how much a US war of aggression in the Philippines will disadvantage them," Rosal warned. Americans are the largest foreign investor group in the country.

US troops recently completed six months of joint operations with local forces in the south against the Abu Sayyaf bandits. Another series of similar exercises are scheduled to begin in October.

Rebels ready

Although there are no plans for the American soldiers to join the fight against local rebels, Rosal announced, "The revolutionary armed movement is ready and has the capability to advance and further raise the level of protracted war."

Upon the release of the terrorist groups' list, the US, British, and Dutch governments ordered a freeze on suspected CPP-NPA assets within their territories.

GREGORIO Rosal, better known as "Ka Roger," works on his laptop computer in this photo taken somewhere in the Sierra Madre in 1997.

President Macapagal, in a statement aired on radio yesterday, thanked the three countries for the freeze, insisting that the communist rebels were indeed terrorists. She cited their attacks of civilians and on infrastructure.

Rights violations

Ms Macapagal said she hoped the international pressure would force the communists back to the negotiating table. Peace talks with the government were suspended last year after the NPA assassinated two legislators.

In response, the communist-led National Democratic Front declared it was putting under indefinite study the resumption of the aborted negotiations.

Luis Jalandoni, NDF peace panel chair, cited massive human rights violations allegedly being committed against the people as one of the factors in the decision. "This constitutes state terrorism of the worst kind," Jalandoni said in Lucena City.

Among the violations he cited were "killings, massacres, forced disappearances, tortures, forced evacuations, destruction of properties, and food blockades."

He also criticized the present government's implementation of the agrarian reform program, and the "harassment of workers and trade union leaders."

In a separate statement supporting the move, Jose Ma. Sison, CPP founder and NDF chief consultant, said, "It would be more productive to resume the peace talks after Macapagal ceases to be president and someone like Raul Roco or Loren Legarda assumes the presidency."

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It wouldn't be long now, Sison said. "The end of (her term) is only one year and nine months away."

Jalandoni said that by collaborating with the US government in "misrepresenting" the negotiators, consultants and staffers of the NDF as "terrorists" and oppressing them abroad, the Macapagal administration had declared an all-out war against the revolutionary movement.

Meanwhile, two NPA guerrillas were captured while two soldiers were wounded in a clash in Cuyapo town, in the northern province of Nueva Ecija, a Philippine Army statement said yesterday.

According to the statement, troops had been investigating reports that NPA guerrillas were extorting money from residents when they ran into about 20 armed rebels. ***Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, with a report from AFP***

GMA says she agrees with US designation of Reds as 'terrorists'

THE GOVERNMENT appears to be edging closer to declaring the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army, as terrorist organizations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, in a radio message yesterday, said she agreed with the United States' designation of the CPP-NPA as such.

The US State Department last week tagged the CPP-NPA a "foreign terrorist organization" and asked other governments to freeze their funds and assets.

The Dutch government responded by announcing a freeze of funds of rebel leaders living in exile in the Netherlands, including CPP founder Jose Ma. Sison.

The United Kingdom's central bank directed all British financial institutions to freeze funds held "for or on behalf" of Sison and the CPP-NPA.

But the President stopped short of actually calling the communist rebels "terrorists," which would have placed them in the league of the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

"Our government agrees with the declaration of the US government that the CPP-NPA is a terrorist organization," she said.

She thanked the US, Dutch and UK governments for their decision to freeze the assets of Sison and if other CPP-NPA leaders.

"Our laws clearly prohibit armed movements against the government, especially terrorism which is what the CPP-NPA does," she said in Filipino.

She said the CPP-NPA has committed countless acts of violence not only against soldiers but also civilians, "such as arson, extortion and assassination of political leaders and even common people they disagree with."

The CPP-NPA has also destroyed public utilities and infrastructures, communication and power lines and public transport facilities, Ms Macapagal said.

"We consider these as acts of terrorism. As long as the CPP maintains an armed component, we will consider them to be violating the Constitution," she said.

Meanwhile, the presidential adviser on the peace process, Eduardo Ermita, and "back-channel negotiator" Silvestre Bello said Sison's reported plan to retire would have no bearing on the peace talks with the National Democratic Front, the CPP's political arm.

"Joma Sison is not a member of the NDF panel; he is only an adviser. His plans will not affect the peace talks which are being done through back-channeling," they said in a statement.

Only Luis Jalandoni, the NDF chair, can officially speak on behalf of the NDF panel, they added. ***Dona Pazzibugan***

Revival of old case vs Satur worries lawmakers

HOUSE legislators are apprehensive that an attempt to revive a 13-year-old court case against Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo as well as overt government moves to outlaw Ocampo's party and other militant groups could force progressive organizations to go underground.

Minority Leader Carlos Padilla and Representatives Loretta Ann Rosales and Willie Villarama consider "worrisome" the most recent moves of the Macapagal administration in support of the United States' war against terrorism, noting in particular the apparent "campaign to discredit progressive groups."

Ocampo and other Left-leaning groups have opted to participate in the parliamentary struggle and should not be discouraged, the legislators said.

Villarama said that he had learned from reliable sources that the paramilitary Cafgu was now being deployed in Central Luzon, "the center of progressive groups."

Villarama and Rosales said the revival of the illegal possession of firearms charges against Ocampo "smacks of malice and vengeance."

Ocampo and his wife, Carolina Malay are to be arraigned before a Makati court on Aug. 23 in the case filed against them way back in 1989. The case had been "archived" by the courts.

Ocampo's militant allies yesterday denounced the move as malicious and an indication that the worst was yet to come for the progressive groups.

"Who's next?" said Akbayan president Ric Reyes who also has a pending case before the courts for being a former leader of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

The Ocampos and Reyes were among the leftist leaders who were arrested but released on bail in the 1990s.

Reyes denounced the Macapagal administration for abandoning a policy of peace and "pursuing a track beholden to US and militaristic interests in the country."

He cited the way President Macapagal-Arroyo had branded progressive groups like Akbayan as communist organizations and her bid to push the anti-terrorism bill, among others.

Ocampo himself reiterated that while he was giving Makati Regional Trial Court judge Rebecca Mariano the benefit of the doubt, he could not help but suspect that the revival of his old case was meant to harass Bayan Muna.

Ocampo said he would file a motion to dismiss the case at the arraignment next week. ***Christine Avendaño***

Filipinos join Asia's best Elvis impersonators for concert in Tokyo

TOKYO—When Asia's best Elvis impersonators gather for a sing-off, it takes more than a silky voice. You've got to have rhinestones and sideburns. Not to mention the swiveling hips.

"They call me 'The Man with The King's Voice,'" said H. T. Long of Malaysia, known for his trademark white baggy blazer and blue suede shoes. "You might think that's impossible because I look Asian. But listen, and you will be shocked."

With pompadour hairdos primped, 13 Elvis impersonators from five Asian nation's converged Friday on Tokyo to mark the 25th anniversary of The King's death.

Yesterday, they were scheduled to stage a five-hour "Elvis Forever in Asia" concert expected to attract 1,500 people in what is the biggest all-Asian impersonator extravaganza to date. The event is sponsored by the 5,000-member Elvis Presley Fan Club in Japan.

That Elvis remains such a big draw is testimony to the international impact the rock 'n' roll pioneer had, even in such places as Asia where he never set foot.

"When he died, my whole world crashed," said 51-year-old Long, who sang with the other impersonators Friday evening for an informal round of Elvis karaoke songs. "For a week, I just stayed in my room, looking at my posters and albums. I cried and cried."

Corky Kitahara, president of the Japanese club, estimates that there are 500,000 Elvis fans throughout Asia. Saturday's memorial concert alone features Elvis look-alikes from Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand and the Philippines.

"No one can replicate him. I just try to do justice to his songs," said Edgar Opida, of the Philippines, who wore gold-rimmed bubble-lensed sunglasses during a rendition of "All Shook Up" that was punctuated with pelvic thrusts.

In Japan, Elvis' legacy even lives on with a little help from the prime minister.

In central Tokyo, fans flocked on Friday to a life-sized bronze statue of Elvis Presley strumming a guitar to mark the anniversary.

But among the bouquets and cigarette packs left in homage at the statue's base, a famous name went mostly unnoticed on its engraved list of donors: Junichiro Koizumi.

The current prime minister was just a member of Parliament in 1985 when, as a board member of a Japanese Elvis fan club, he helped raise money for the statue.

Koizumi, a self-described rock-and-roll addict, was not spotted among the droves of mourners dropping by the Elvis statue. His spokesperson Misako Kaji said the prime minister was on summer vacation.

But at the nearby Elvis memorabilia shop, Love Me Tender, one CD was already sold out. The 25-song disc, "Junichiro Koizumi Presents: My Favorite Elvis Songs," has been a hit since it was released last year, manager Yosuke Funabashi said.

The 2,000 yen ($17.10) collection of songs was chosen by Koizumi and includes such hits as "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You." Proceeds go to charity.

The CD's front cover shows a photo of a smiling Koizumi—with his trademark wavy, long hair—next to Elvis. Last year, Koizumi wrote the fan club, saying: "My birthday is Jan. 8, the same as Elvis. It's one of the things I'm so proud of." ***AP***

ELVIS impersonators from Asia, among them Filipinos Chito Bertol (left) and Edgar Opida (third from left), line up at a Tokyo club on Friday, one day before the "Elvis Forever in Asia" concert. AP

PNP exec proposes nat'l summit vs insurgency

BUTUAN CITY—The police director of the Caraga region has proposed a national anti-insurgency summit to discuss how to carry out President Macapagal-Arroyo's policy calling for an all-out war on the communist New People's Army.

Chief Supt. Alberto Olario said this would be in keeping with similar summits that had been called in the past to address the problems of drugs, kidnapping and gambling.

He said the national anti-insurgency summit would lead to a common stand and unified efforts in the campaign against the NPA rebels.

But Olario said he believes the main focus of the anti-communist campaign should be localized peace talks with the rebels now that peace negotiations at the national level have been stalled.

He said localized peace talks would lessen the possibility of an open conflict with the NPA while waiting for the outcome of the national-level peace talks.

But Bagani Dagohoy Bonifacio, spokesperson of the NPA's Fr. Frank Navarro Command in northern Mindanao, said they were not in favor of localized peace talks.

"The insurgency problem is a national issue and should be treated nationally," Bonifacio said.

In Davao City, Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said the military only needed a bigger budget to fight the communist rebels.

He said this could be used to improve a community defense system where barangay leaders would acquire the means to help fight the NPA.

"The solution to the NPA problem is to give our people the means to fight, to train them because they are always threatened by terrorism. The community defense system is legal and is guaranteed by the Constitution," Carolina told reporters there, shortly before flying to Mt. Diwata in Compostela Valley

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 18, 2002
20th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Is 56:1, 6-7**

Thus says Yahweh: Maintain what is right and do what is just, for my salvation is close at hand, my justice is soon to come.

Yahweh says to the foreigners who join him, serving him and loving his name, keeping his sabbath unprofaned and remaining faithful to his covenant:

I will bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. I will accept on my altar their burnt offerings and sacrifices, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations.

2nd Reading: **Rom11:13-15, 29-32**

Brothers and sisters, Listen to me, you who are not Jews: I am spending myself as an apostle to the pagan nations, but I hope my ministry will be successful enough to awaken the jealousy of those of my race, and finally to save some of them. If the world made peace with God when they remained apart, what will it be when they are welcomed? Nothing less than a passing from death to life. The call of God and his gift cannot be nullified.

Through the rebellion of the Jews the mercy of God came to you who did not obey God. They in turn will receive mercy in due time after this rebellion that brought God's mercy to you. So God has submitted all to disobedience, in order to show his mercy to all.

Gospel: **Mt 15:21-28**

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Now a Canaanite woman came from those borders and began to cry out, "Lord, Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her, not even a word. So his disciples approached him and said, "Send her away: see how she is shouting after us."

Then Jesus said to her, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the nation of Israel."

But the woman was already kneeling before Jesus and said, "Sir, help me!" Jesus answered, "It is not right to take the bread from the children and throw it to the little dogs." The woman replied, "It is true, sir, but even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said, "Woman, how great is your faith! Let it be as you wish." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Commentary

As human beings, part and parcel of our limitations is our personal, cultural, and social conditioning. Jesus, partaking of our humanity, was not free from these. But like all great men and women, he was able to see through the fallacy of such conditionings. A Jew, much less a religious teacher, ought not to consort with a non-Jew. If there is any saying of Jesus that must be historical, it is his use of the typically derogatory title of "little dogs" for non-Jews. God's loving mercy is, indeed, for all and does not discriminate. It is truly good news that even the historical Jesus could not be limited to other Jews. It was a non-Jew and a woman at that who broke his cultural blinders to the inherent human good in the human heart. A great challenge to all of us, who are used to classify those who belong and do not belong—a far cry from the truly Catholic view (from Greek kathholos) of seeing things in their totality.

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DIGEST BY R. B. VERA

4-km oil spill spoils Balayan Bay

BALAYAN, Batangas—The seawater in a large portion of Balayan Bay has been brown and greasy since Friday morning, when two ships apparently pumped oil wastes into it.

The oil spill covers a four-kilometer stretch from Barangays Guimalas and Carenahan here, all the way to Calaca town, site of a National Power Corp. coal-fired power plant.

Ramil Mortel, auditor of the group Anak-Balayan, said the oil spill was discovered in Carenahan.

"Our chairman Pablo Caraig and I, went there with Coast Guard inspectors to verify reports," Mortel said. "We traced the spill area all the way down to the Napocor plant vicinity in San Rafael, Calaca."

Carenahan is three kilometers from the Napocor site, and Guimalas is another kilometer away.

Mortel said they suspected two ships, MV Lake Buhi and MV Tara, of having pumped oil waste into the bay. The two cargo vessels owned by Cumrose Shipping supply coal to the Napocor plant.

"When the coastguards started investigating, the chief engineer of the MV Tara refused to give his logbook," Mortel said. The logbook would have details on when and where the ship disposed its wastes, he added.

Napocor community relations officer Sixto Lopez confirmed that the wastes came from the two ships, but said the company had immediately informed the Coast Guard of the spill.

Lt. Cdr. Tranquilino Paiton of the Batangas Coast Guard station said they had found grease and bunker oil in waste samples collected. "The samples have been taken to the Metcom laboratory in Port Area, Manila. In two or three days, we will have the water analysis reports," he said.

Based on the reports, the Coast Guard could sue the responsible parties, according to Paiton.

He also said the Coast Guard had meant to clean up the spill, but found that it had been washed away by the recent rains and strong waves.

The ships are now docked at the Napocor Calaca pier. ***Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

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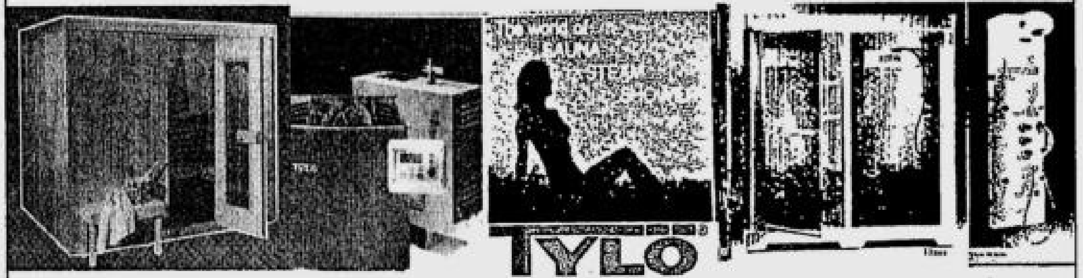

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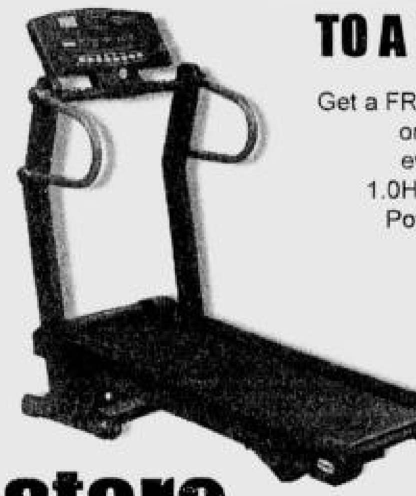

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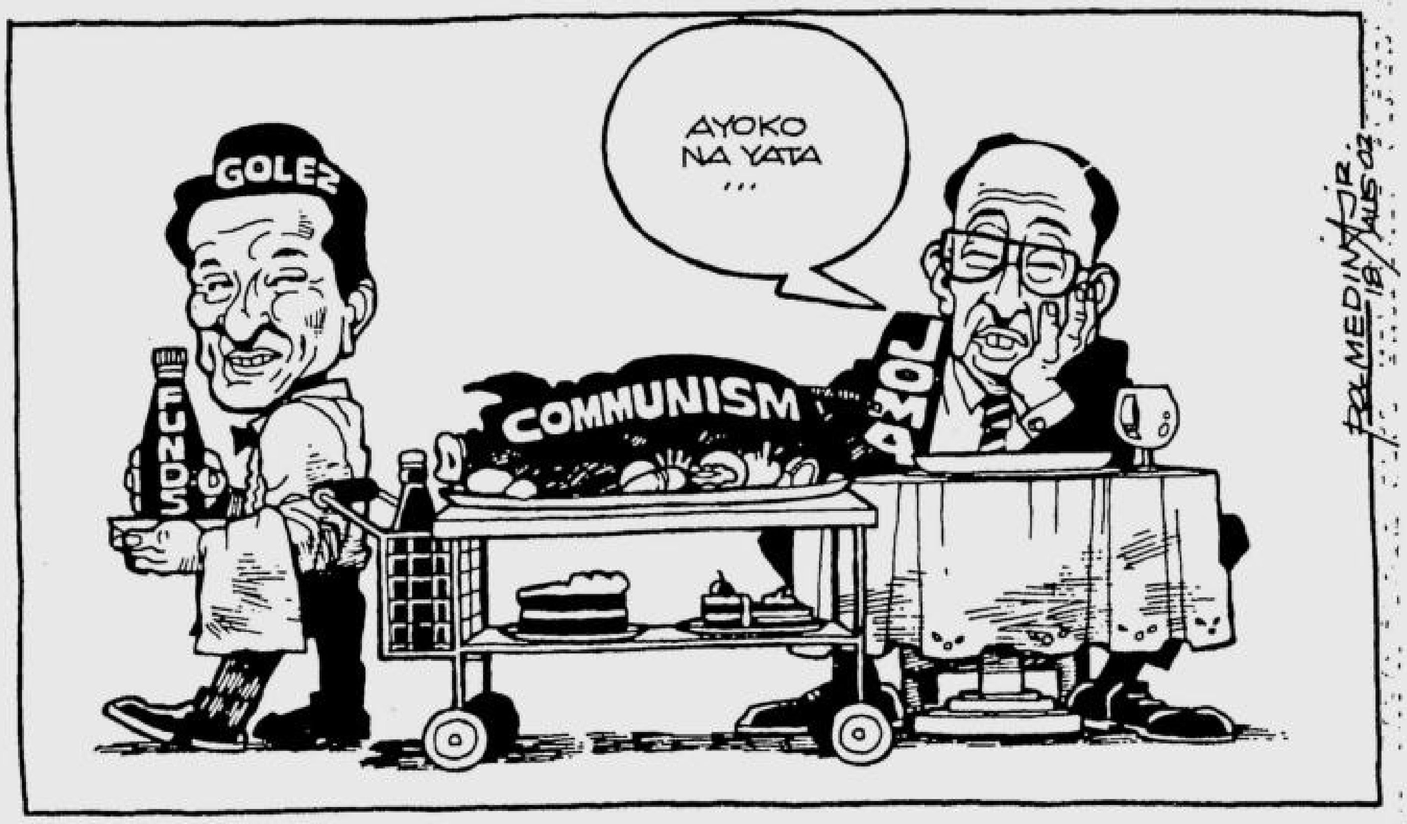

Burning in hell

EDITORIAL

THE FORMER COMMANDER of the 1st Infantry Division at the time of the Lamitan hospital siege thinks he knows where the soul of parish priest Fr. Cirilo Nacorda is at this instant. "The priest's soul is now burning in hell," Maj. Gen. Romeo Dominguez said the other day.

The response of Nacorda, the former Abu Sayyaf hostage who accused Dominguez and other military officers of colluding with the bandits and allowing them to escape a 3,000-man cordon on June 2 last year, was equally melodramatic: "Well, if I die, I'm sure to meet him there."

This latest exchange of words between old adversaries was triggered by the release of a draft Senate committee report which recommended "the convening of a court martial to pursue an investigation and prosecution" of Dominguez, Col. Jovenal Narcise and Maj. Eliseo Campued, for possible violation of at least three provisions of the Articles of War.

The release itself of what was merely a draft carrying the signatures of three senators is not without complications. The timing, the provenance, the tentative nature of the whole thing, all pose uncomfortable questions. But because the report is long overdue, because the chair of the Senate defense committee, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., has already signed it and (not least) because it recommends the first court martial of a general in recent memory, the report is rightfully front-page news.

Even as he took potshots at Nacorda, the spiritual leader of a host of Lamitan residents who offered evidence of collusion, Dominguez also acknowledged that a court martial might offer a troubled military and a skeptical public the only possible source of closure. "A court martial is a very good venue, compared with the (committee) hearings (where) your lawyers cannot cross-examine your accusers," he said.

Up and down the chain of command, military officials have made the right noises about civilian supremacy and due process. "The AFP acknowledges and respects the report of the Senate," Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu said the other day. "The judicial process will be even-handed."

It may well be, although we wonder when was the last time a court martial found a two-star officer guilty of anything.

The mood in Lamitan, Basilan, has been decidedly festive. A businessman said the news "calls for thanksgiving." And Felisa Garcia spoke for other residents when she said: "At last, our bravery in exposing the anomalies within the military bore fruit."

And there, of course, is the real issue. The Lamitan fiasco is not, as Narcise told the INQUIRER, a question pitting "our word against (that of) a priest." It goes beyond the name-calling between the commanding Dominguez and the colorful Nacorda. It certainly isn't merely an excuse for politicians to grandstand, or gain "media mileage," as Dominguez claimed in his press statement. (We wonder what our lawmakers have to say to that.) The issue is military culpability in some of the Abu Sayyaf's acts of terrorism. And the evidence is not based on what one man said, but on what an entire town lived through.

We have many times paid tribute to the gallantry of our men and women in uniform. It is precisely in recognition of their service that we find the leisurely escape of the Abu Sayyaf from the Lamitan hospital compound not merely unexplained, as the draft report said, but inexplicable. Unless, of course, money was involved.

Nacorda has suggested that the final report include "the ransom aspect, which will clearly point out my stand on collusion." He claimed that, based on the accounts of witnesses, a total of P10 million went to military officials, another P10 million to the Abu Sayyaf, and anywhere between P5 million and P7 million to local officials.

If the Armed Forces of the Philippines truly wants to put an end to this sorry episode, military judges should heed the old Watergate adage and follow the money. Only then, after a cleansing fire that may remind some of the hotter regions of hell, can it put its Lamitan lament behind.

Humility in greatness

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

NOW that the groundswell of tribute for Francisco Arcellana has abated, let me express my own condolences for his wife Emy and their children on the recent demise of their *paterfamilias.* He was a truly great writer of whom not only they but also the whole Filipino nation can be justly proud. I myself felt a personal sense of loss when I learned he had passed away.

I cannot claim to be one of his close friends because the last time we saw each other was in 1947 or 48 on the steps of the Palma Hall at the old University of the Philippines on Padre Faura. We were "porch lizards" watching the girls go by on the Quadrangle, which used to be the setting of the traditional *cadena de amor* festival. I was deploring an article for the Christmas issue of the Collegian that I had lengthened to cover two pages, and Franz remarked, without mockery, that I had spread it "too thin."

Neither can I say that I was a mere acquaintance because there was a time when we saw each other frequently, usually with his jolly brother Joe, now long since gone. I had earlier sought to meet Franz because he had complimented me in the Collegian as "one of the finest writers on the campus today." I was ecstatic beyond words; I was only 17 at the time and eager for praise. More than that, Francisco Arcellana was already an established writer and he did not know me from Adam.

I don't recall how we finally met, but pretty soon I was visiting him frequently at his house in Tondo. He took me with him to call on his fellow writers and friends like Estrella D. Alfon, herself also a recognized and much-awarded colleague, and the troubled Salvador Faustino, who revealed the vagaries of his mind in arresting and sometimes disturbing prose. Once we had lunch at our house in Sampaloc, and Franz noticed an early edition of "The Ambassadors" by Henry James in our library. He borrowed it and, unlike most writers who take a fancy for borrowed books, returned it later.

There is no need here to dwell on his writings, for which he was celebrated as a National Artist in 1990. I am delighted over the reminiscences of his many students for the inspiration and guidance he offered them to write as well as he. Of course none of them could; nobody can. I remember that, as a young novice grandly aspiring for literary greatness, I naively asked him whether I should follow Hemingway's style or F. Scot Fitzgerald's. (I was that immature.) Franz gently advised me, without patronizing, that I should develop my own.

I have long since abandoned that wild ambition, but I cannot forget how Franz encouraged me to write, albeit, as it turned out, not creatively but as a lawyer and later as a judge. I had invited Franz and Emy to my retirement program at the Supreme Court, but she regretfully informed me that they would be abroad on that occasion. I was disappointed because I was hoping to see them again after so many years. Emy kept in touch every so often because, as a political scientist, she was following our decisions in the Court. Franz's interests were more than mundane.

Another person I also admired was a no less outstanding member of his profession and community. He was Dr. Jose G. Tamayo, who passed away last Aug. 6 at the age of 81. At the time of his death, he was the president of the Perpetual Help System, consisting of the Perpetual Help Hospital and School of Nursing in Manila, the Perpetual Help College and the Medical Center in Laguna, and the Perpetual Help Colleges in Pangasinan and Cavite, the Perpetual Help Medical Center in Las Piñas, and the University of Perpetual Help Rizal.

Dr. Tamayo graduated *magna cum laude* from the UST College of Medicine in 1944 and topped the medical board examinations the same year. He later earned a residency in obstetrics and gynecology in the same university. In recognition of his specialization and experience, he was appointed visiting and advisory director of the fertility institute of Southern California for in vitro fertilization in the department of reproductive research and development. He was also a member of the American Fertility Society and a fellow of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.

A professor at the UST College of Medicine for 23 years, Dr. Tamayo also served in many other positions, among them as president of the Association of Medical Practitioners, the Manila Medical Society, the Philippine Hospital Associations, and the UST Honor Graduates. Also active in civic affairs, he was a member of, among other societies, the Rotary Club of Manila and president of the Los Maduros Club in Biñan and Kaluyagan Nen Palaris in Pangasinan.

He bred not only honors in his chosen field but also children. He sired 12 in all, with Antonio L. Tamayo as his first born and now his successor as head of the Perpetual Help System founded by their father. For his achievement in raising his exceptional breed, Dr. Tamayo won the Gintong Ama National Award in 1993.

Francisco Arcellana and Jose G. Tamayo, each in his own way, served their country well and deserve the accolade and grateful remembrance of the Filipino people.

No matter what happens...

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I HEARD this story from our Irish (very much Filipino!) confrere, Fr. John O'Mahony, SVD, about a mother superior of a small congregation who was dying in a remote village. She would not eat and would not even drink milk. One of the nuns saw an Irish whiskey in the kitchen, and she poured a generous amount into the milk. When the mother superior tasted it, she took one sip, and then one more, until she finished the whole glass—to the joy of her nuns. After she said her goodbye and gave her last-minute instructions, she closed her eyes. Then suddenly, she opened them again, and said: "Oh, one more thing. No matter what happens, don't sell that cow!" And she expired, with a smile.

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The Gospel today (Mt. 15, 21-28) tells the story of a Canaanite woman who held on to the Lord with a lot of tenacity. All that mattered to her was the healing of her daughter, by any means, and no matter what happened. It was precisely her humble and persevering faith that made Jesus notice her, give in to her request, and even praise her. She braved the crowd, the cordon sanitaire of the disciples, and even the initial refusal of Jesus, just to get her request done. What great faith!

Why? Because for her, nothing else mattered. Losing face, being refused, being ridiculed did not matter.

The problem with many of us is that when we ask, we have doubts and reservations. For the Canaanite woman, there was no fall-back, no other option. For her it was a no-matter-what situation, and no just-in-case reservations. Her faith was total and unconditional.

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How do we deal with people who come to us begging? How do we handle requests? The easy thing to do is to dismiss them, and reason out that they are just parasites and opportunists. The other easy thing to do is just to give a dole-out right away to feel good about it. Jesus responds neither with outright refusal nor outright dole-out. He listens. He allows the woman to express her request. He makes the woman "work" for her request.

His seeming refusal and methodical questioning were meant to evoke some kind of participation from the woman to give her some self-respect and dignity in an otherwise shameful situation. In the end, Jesus gives in to her request. Not only that. He even gives a kind word of affirmation and encouragement. The next time a beggar comes to you, remember Jesus and the Canaanite woman.

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I wonder how beggars or people with requests feel after they encounter us. Oh yes, they feel! Begging is a shameful experience enough. Do we shame them further? Do they end up grateful? Do they leave cursing us? Do we encourage them to continue begging? Do we make them feel empowered?

No matter what, remember that it is not so much what we give or do not give, but how we give or do not give that matters.

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The Canaanite woman teaches the value of persistent prayer. We must pray much, pray well, pray always, pray on. A text message from Tita Chua said it so well: "When God doesn't seem to answer your prayers, don't hang up. Hang on!" The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us but that we will finally hear God!

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A suggestion: No matter what is happening in your life, laugh! It is good for your body and good for your soul. I read somewhere that children, on the average, laugh 40 ha-ha-has in a day, while we adults laugh only about 20 times in a day. That's one reason children are more vibrant, while we adults are more reluctant. Join me. I'm trying to consciously laugh more often now.

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Another suggestion: No matter what has happened, or what is happening to you, receive Jesus with a smile! In my 10 a.m. Mass at Christ the King Seminary every Sunday and in my other Masses, I encourage people to receive Holy Communion with a smile. We always proclaim before communion: "Happy are we who are invited to His banquet," and yet so many of us receive (and give) Him with sadness, with a frown, or with no feelings at all. At least once a week, smile at your God, and let your God smile at you! No big deal really, but it could make a difference.

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One more suggestion: Please help in the renovation of the Janssen Hall in Christ the King Seminary. Join the "Bayanihan para sa Nayon." Buy raffle tickets at P100 each. Please help our seminary. Call Fr. Ed Fugoso, SVD at 726-50-02 to 04; 725-89-81 to 82.

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A MOMENT WITH THE LORD:
Lord, no matter what happens, hold me tight and be always at my side. Amen.

Can we solve a problem like Metro Manila?

COMMENTARY

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SPRAWLING Metro Manila is a showcase of defects, recently made more visible by the series of typhoons that visited the country. These defects are traced to uncontrolled growth, which now finds the metropolis bursting at the seams. Coupled with this are local leaders who are distinguished for their myopic and parochial viewpoints, who regard problems beyond their borders as not their own.

What do we get given this situation? Problems of garbage disposal, mushrooming informal settlements, flooding, traffic jams and pollution. When the problems appear to be intolerable, the national government, as a practice, appoints a person who will "get things done"—like it has done with the appointment of former Marikina Mayor Bayani Fernando as chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority.

However, unless key elements in Metro Manila dynamics are labeled and acknowledged, whoever sits and coordinates the 17 cities and municipalities comprising the metropolis will only end up frustrated and defeated.

One of these elements is the jurisdictional boundaries between cities and municipalities. Because local officials see in terms of their "fiefdoms," they fail to see the problems in their neighboring cities or municipalities. What they and their local planners and engineers must recognize is that the activities of their constituents have transboundary consequences. This means that an activity in one city or municipality will have consequences that will not be contained within its boundaries.

For instance, cities and municipalities located in low-lying areas often get flooded. The knee-jerk solution has always been to blame the MMDA, to demolish structures along the waterways and to clear the waterways of garbage. These measures are mere palliatives: come next year, the same problem arises. There is no long-term solution to flooding because local officials, and even the MMDA, have a localized view of the problem: the flooding occurs within a specific area, and therefore, the solution is confined to that area.

What can be done is to look at the bigger picture, to look at the contribution of cities and municipalities located on higher ground to the flooding. These areas are equally to blame, given their garbage load, and the quarrying, construction and deforestation activities that have clogged rivers, creeks and other waterways. As a result, the water-holding capacity of these waterways has been greatly reduced, and since water must go somewhere, it overflows these waterways and floods the low-lying areas of Metro Manila.

This is the case with the Tullahan River and flooding in Valenzuela, Malabon and Navotas. As with the San Juan River and flooding in Tatalon and neighboring areas in Quezon City. Or the siltation of the Marikina River as a result of quarrying operations in Montalban, Rizal. Reclamation efforts in recent years near the old Smokey Mountain in Tondo, on the other hand, have seen certain parts of Valenzuela going under water. The reclamation of Manila Bay in the 1970s, meanwhile, has placed Obando, Bulacan under water the whole year round until now.

Aside from flooding, another problem is the uncontrolled growth of slums or informal settlements. Because most local governments are unwilling to host this segment of the population, they neglect them and help create housing conditions that are inhospitable. Thus, the growth of slums in the most undeveloped and marginal land available.

Over the years, laws such as the Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) have been passed to address this problem, yet most local governments would rather conduct periodic clearing and demolition operations to drive away the informal settlers within their jurisdictions. These agencies have done nothing but to force them to relocate to other cities or municipalities in the metropolis, to squat on public or private land or to live in the streets.

Mga taong grasa (people who live in the streets and called thus because of the grease and grime that have accumulated in their bodies), for example, are sometimes rounded up by the police, and deposited in the next city or municipality. The police holding jurisdiction over that city or municipality, meanwhile, will do the same thing: round them up and deposit them in the next city or municipality. In the process, these people, who need great assistance, are seen instead as problems for the next city—and the next city—to address. In the end, the problem is merely transferred but never solved.

Very few local governments in Metro Manila have been found to comply with the UDHA, which provides for the humane treatment of informal settlers. Only the governments of Marikina, Muntinlupa and Mandaluyong stand out for working with their urban poor constituents and giving them security of tenure.

Many social science writers explain that the failure of cities to develop properly stems from their lack of shared history and traditions. This may well be the case with Metro Manila, the proverbial "melting pot" of people coming from other regions, who come only to leave, or to come and stay and complain. But more correctly, in the case of Metro Manila, it could be because of local officials who lack vision and management skills. We do not need them. We need local officials who can work together on common problems and instill discipline in their constituents.

(With Judy T. Gulane)

About a man

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN "ABOUT A BOY," Hugh Grant plays against type—the charming, bumbling but good-hearted romantic hero around whom he's built a career—and dares take on the persona of a selfish, irresponsible cad who's managed to approach middle-age without ever holding down a job or sustaining a relationship for more than two months.

Measuring out his life in 30-minute units, most of which are expended vegetating before the TV, playing pool and having his hair "professionally tousled," Grant's character manages to live the quintessential unexamined and unconnected life. He wanders adrift in a network of friends and ex-girlfriends with whom he manages to maintain minimal contact and surface commitment. Far from subscribing to the saying that "no man is an island," he fancies himself as the personification of Ibiza, the vacationer's paradise.

But the bloke's lifelong retreat from a life of meaning is rudely interrupted when, in the course of a callous scheme to meet and bed single mothers by pretending to be a single parent himself, he ends up "adopting" a 12-year-old boy by the name of Marcus.

Perhaps it's more accurate to say that Marcus ends up adopting him. Shaken by his flaky and vulnerable mother's failed suicide, Marcus realizes that in life, it's hazardous to depend on just one person for love and other forms of support. "You need a backup," he decides, and chooses his new friend for emotional ballast.

But how can a man with no emotional reserves, a man who connects with other people only so that he can use them, ever begin to respond to Marcus' many needs? And when his very limited emotional attention span wanders, as it inevitably will, won't Marcus end up even more damaged and vulnerable?

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THAT'S the question that haunts the caring moviegoer drawn into "About a Boy's" small world. No two people could have been any more ill-matched than this "human Ibiza" and the boy whose demeanor (and his hippie-era sensibility) practically screams "pick on meee!" Their pairing is a disaster in the making.

Based on a novel by Nick Hornsby, "About a Boy" is a film at once small in scope and intimate in reach while bearing a "message" big enough to touch the hearts of viewers who haven't even set foot on London or know where (or what) Ibiza is. It's also supposed to be a comedy, which my daughter snidely reminded me when she caught me sniffling toward the end.

Yes, "About a Boy" has heart. True, it defies convention and human interest formula. Grant's character doesn't fall for Marcus' mum—up to the end, he thinks she's flaky and clueless about what's best for a pre-pubescent boy. And when Grant comes to Marcus' rescue at a school sing-out, they aren't bowled over by a standing ovation, but rather just manage to barely survive the experience, with but a single missile thrown at them. But in the end, "About a Boy" tells us that while happiness is fleeting and immeasurable, that it's not up to other people to make us happy ("because then they can also make us unhappy," as Grant tells Marcus), it's in making other people happy that we end up, mystifyingly, just as happy, too. And it hardly costs a thing.

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FAST cars, flying motorcycles, snow boards and killer tattoos, these are, to judge from "Triple X," the defining marks of cool manhood these days.

And Vin Diesel, as extreme sports hero Xander "XXX" Cage, is the epitome of cool. He makes a living making rebel videos for webcast, breaking the law, defying authority and damaging private property all in pursuit of the adrenaline rush of betting his life against the odds.

Into this cool existence rushes in NSA Agent Gibbons, played with burning intensity by Samuel L. Jackson, who taps "XXX" as an unconventional undercover agent sent to thwart the designs of a gang of former Russian army officers embittered by the death of ideology. Calling themselves "Anarchy 99," the gang trades in stolen goods, drugs and something so secret it could threaten the world's survival.

The first half of "XXX" is entertaining enough, since Diesel is actually credible as an extreme athlete with attitude to match, and the stunt scenes are filmed energetically and creatively. But the second half lurches into convention, "*nagpapaka*-James Bond," as someone at the press preview commented. The pace perceptibly slows, and even the gadgetry seems lifted straight out of a 1960s B-movie with a Cold War theme.

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MY guessis that Diesel will use "XXX" as his entrée into A-list respectability. This, even if the movie will be appreciated mostly by teenage boys who get their rocks off mayhem and cheap sexist one-liners. Older viewers, with greater expectations about logical plot lines and character development, will find the movie shallow, all bluff and special effects. Then again, maybe that's like watching porn and looking for an actual story.

Diesel, by the standards of the filmmakers and its juvenile audience, would seem to be the very essence of manhood, buffed to the max, head smooth and bare like a baby's ass, gravelly voice raw and uncouth, throwing his life away in outrageous acts of bravado.

Grant, by contrast, is a wimp in all senses, but especially physical and emotional. Cowardly and insular, he can't even stick to his resolve to remain aloof from all meaningful human contact, a resolve that easily crumbled in the face of a 12-year-old boy's assault.

But who's the bigger man? By what measurement shall we judge manhood and masculinity? In its understated way, "About a Boy" beats "XXX" by kilos of testosterone.

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Political will

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

WE often hear it said that what we lack as a nation is "political will." The term varies in meaning depending on the context in which it is used.

Sometimes it simply means clarity of purpose, and therefore a lack of political will means a failure to focus on essential problems. Most of the time, however, it suggests boldness and determination to do what is felt to be necessary to achieve certain goals. And so to be without political will is to lack courage and to be intimidated by obstacles. Both meanings are based on the belief that we are, in the final analysis, capable of total comprehension of our situation and full control of our destiny.

I am going to argue here that such understanding of the notion of political will, especially in situations of desperate public impatience over government ineffectiveness, may often produce risky and simplistic responses to very complex problems. Instead of paving the way for discussion and dialogue as the route to clarity and consensus, the perceived urgency of social problems is used to justify the resort to shortcuts. These shortcuts, created from impulse and opportunity and packaged as political will, become sources of new problems.

We find ourselves today in such a situation. Observe how difficult it has become to question the rationality of inviting American forces to help fight local bandits and communist rebels without being tagged an Abu Sayyaf or communist lover. Notice how difficult it is to talk about the human rights of accused persons without being attacked for failing to speak up for the rights of their victims. The moral climate in which we find ourselves today is congenial instead to black-and-white certitudes and demagogic talk. It provides less and less room for sober analysis informed by history and for cautious approaches to problems appropriate to a democracy. It is the kind of situation that flourished all over the Third World in the Cold War era when the United States had no qualms about sponsoring authoritarian regimes that were willing to adopt the American definition of the world.

Try as we may, we cannot shortcut our way to nationhood by installing an authoritarian government that caters to our impatience and sense of helplessness. We tried that before under Marcos and we failed. Under martial law, petty criminals disappeared from the streets, but new criminals inhabited the government and robbed the nation with impunity. A weakened nation woke up one day to realize how its dream of a society free from poverty, corruption, crime and insurgency under a willful dictator had become a nightmare that set back the country's economic and political development.

I have always believed that the crucial lesson we must learn from that particular episode in our history is that we should not expect national discipline and political will to be imposed from the top. Rather their seeds should be planted in the soil of the national culture, and painstakingly nurtured in the practice of our everyday lives. Empowerment does not happen overnight. It is slowly acquired in the evolutionary chain of generations responding to the challenges of their respective epochs.

In his essay, "The Philippines a Century Hence," Rizal spoke of a rising generation of Filipinos that served as the brain of the new nation. Tomorrow, he said, they would be the nervous system. The choice of metaphor points to the necessity of creating a collective consciousness of nationhood among the masses rather than just relying on the vision of its most advanced classes. It is no accident that Rizal was a great believer in the power of education. He did not think that political shortcuts taken under the initiative of even the bravest and most enlightened leaders would create a nation.

I am aware that to suggest a reasoned approach to social problems in the face of rampant lawlessness could be taken as naiveté and insensitivity. But then these are not new problems. They are old problems that have acquired a new significance in the light of America's response to the events of Sept. 11. America's war has globalized the problems of Mindanao and has given a new spin to the decades-old communist rebellion by adopting the US anti-terrorist vocabulary. Can we really say that we are closer today to ending these problems than we were before we began to look at them from the prism of US security concerns?

An effective response to the challenges posed by criminality, corruption and insurgency cannot avoid looking into the complex ways they are woven into the very fabric of our national life. How can we talk about fighting crime without looking at the culture of the police and the courts? How can we talk about corruption without inquiring into its links to our political system? And how can we talk about ending the Islamic separatist and the communist rebellion without reexamining the institutionalization of inequality and oppression in our present social order?

To say that all we need is political will is to substitute bravura for intelligence. It is to fall victim to leaders who can project themselves as the personification of political will by simply drawing courage from the impulsiveness of their acts.

Genuine political will belongs to a people who never forget they are charting their destiny under circumstances not chosen by them. Their actions are constantly tempered by self-critique because they know that their own consciousness is itself a product of these circumstances.

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A rendezvous with history

COMMENTARY

R.V. Fabella

QUIS custodes custodit?

The central question in the annals of government, as pivotal today as it was in the time of Plato, remains, "Who guards the guardians of the law?" A viable society or *polis* is, by definition, held together by a system of rules and institutions that communify expectations and allow citizens not only to peacefully coexist but also to productively interact. These rules have to bind behavior and, thus, require a parallel system of enforcement.

The power to enforce—i.e., to apprehend culprits, to pass judgment on disputes and mete out punishment—is granted by the same polity on a subset of specialist citizens. These agents of the polity, as it were, determine whether the written laws are "hard" or "soft": in the former, violations are detected and punished regardless of political or affluential pedigree; in the latter, detection and punishment of violators are for sale, subject as it were, to truck and barter.

When the latter becomes accepted, in a sense institutionalized and even celebrated by unwritten norms, the polity becomes chaotic, totters and eventually collapses. Desperation sets in among citizens who refuse to play along. These refuseniks either switch off and/or vote with their feet by packing their bags and heading for other shores.

The "soft state" is a stable equilibrium of forces of low enforcement (because bought and sold) and low compliance (because non-compliance can be pre- or post-insured from prosecution). Because the market for enforcement, when it exists, is the most lucrative racket in town (indirectly, because it makes legitimate value-creating activities less rewarding, and directly, because enforcement power can be parlayed into rents in every direction) it attracts attitudinal specialists: people with the least regard for the common good and the greatest disdain for principled probity. These denizens create a formidable Maginot Line against potential threats to business-as-usual. The most common line of counterattack is a bankrolled media operation of moral disembowelment ("He or she is worse than the worst of us"). The end result is that citizens of tested probity display an aversion to public offices of real power: it pays too little unless you sell your soul; it drags you to the gutter of public opinion, if you don't play along.

The Office of the Ombudsman was created to adjudicate and punish the truck and barter of enforcement (corruption) in public office. The letter of the law creating the office leaves little to be desired. The Office of the Ombudsman is a powerful office. Its directives send shivers through the spines of those concerned. Whoever holds this office can arguably do more good for the country at this juncture of history than either the legislative or the executive branch. Whoever holds this office can also do more harm to the country than the two branches.

Why? Because the ombudsman embodies the "guardian of the guardians of the law." It is the answer to the classical governance conundrum. The legislature can pass bills upon bills, which will remain empty sheafs of paper without enforcement. The Office of the President can bark till it is hoarse about corruption in government but only the ombudsman can translate that into an effective judicial deterrent.

The office has been left vacant with the retirement earlier this month of Aniano Desierto. The next appointment to the office is a central junction in the country's history. It will determine whether corruption in government will continue to plumb record depths or will be manfully reversed. Another tenure for business-as-usual will further fuel hopelessness and voting with the feet. Shadowy syndicates that have managed to capture potential gravy trains in government will want to secure the ombudsman for insurance. Those who have skeletons in their closets will want an ally in that office. In other words, the whole rabble of the "soft state" will want an ombudsman who "gets it," one who is "one of us," and one who respects "business-as-usual."

The long-victimized Filipino people deserve an ombudsman who, by contrast, "just doesn't get it" both literally and figuratively.

(Enron was the darling of Wall Street. It was creating fabulous wealth for its so-called financial wizards and allied bankers and auditors who played along. It was also "cooking its books" big time. Some insiders who dared question the "creative accounting" were met with the now infamous putdown, "You just don't get it, do you," and promptly sent packing out of the "best company in the world." Until, that is, the infamous and instant meltdown.)

The Philippines since Ferdinand Marcos has been in a slow meltdown mode because of the continued erosion of governance. The "gallant few" who, over the years, "just didn't get it" and struggled to withstand the tide, have been effectively isolated and marginalized.

The Office of the Ombudsman is a different story. It has real (as opposed to imagined) powers. It can haul "untouchables" into its halls and make them account for their actions.

Apart from the act of nomination and confirmation, the ombudsman is not beholden to the executive or the legislative branch. An ombudsman who "just doesn't get it" can really turn things around. It is the commanding height among government offices. Who that person turns out to be is as crucial to the future of this country as who claims Malacañang after 2004. He or she can really make a difference in history.

One person who comes to mind, whose probity is tested and whose "just-doesn't-get-it" credentials are unassailable is Haydee Yorac. If the nation gets blessed with Yorac or her equivalent (if that exists) as ombudsman, it will be a make-no-mistake message to the world that Malacañang's rhetoric on good governance has turned deadly serious. It signals that neither the President nor the President's own political family will be above scrutiny and jail.

If Malacañang wants to regalvanize the nation against corruption, as the President seemed to be saying in her State of the Nation Address, Yorac as ombudsman will be its best warning salvo. It can save a presidency.

But the blessing is not going to come our way without a struggle. While the forces arrayed against it are formidable, Yorac herself has to be convinced. She has to be made to overcome the normal and prudent aversion to go into the snake pit and fend off the venom that will surely be rained in her direction. We have to work to get her and Malacañang to see this as their rendezvous with history.

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TALK of the TOWN

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Is the CPP a terrorist organization?

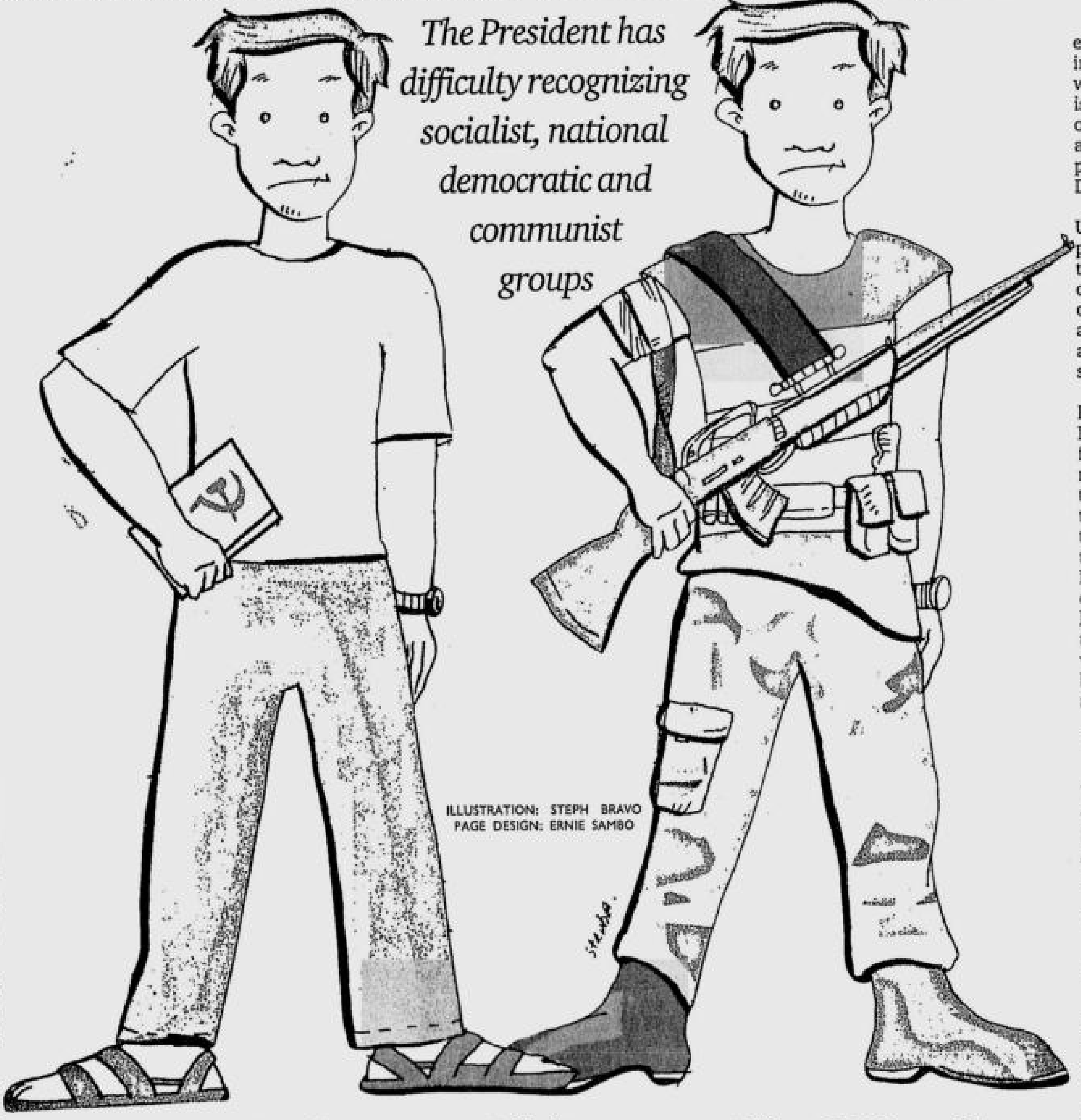
NOT just tuna was discussed during US Secretary of State Colin Powell's meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang on Aug. 3. A week after his visit to Manila, Powell announced the designation of the Communist Party of the Philippines as a foreign terrorist organization.

The designation makes it illegal for persons in the United States to provide material support to the CPP, and compels US banks and allied countries to freeze the assets of the organization.

Despite the absence of an anti-terrorism law in the country, Ms Macapagal called the CPP a terrorist group. She said it was OK to be a communist as long as one did not take up arms against the government.

But in distinguishing armed and non-armed groups, she mistakenly labeled Akbayan and Sanlakas communist groups. If the President has difficulty distinguishing socialist, democratic socialist, socialist democratic, national democratic and communist groups, what more of police officers in far-flung areas?

The mistake could endanger the lives of people calling for social change as the government steps up its campaign against the CPP.



The President has difficulty recognizing socialist, national democratic and communist groups

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'The US is the biggest terrorist force in Philippine history'

By Fidel V. Agcaoili
Member, National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) negotiating panel

THE COMMUNIST Party of the Philippines (CPP) is not and has never been a terrorist organization. It is a revolutionary political party that seeks to fight for the rights and interests of the Filipino working class and people.

It is engaged in armed struggle in the legitimate defense and just pursuit of the Filipino people's rights to national liberation and democracy against US imperialism, domestic feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism.

The local ruling classes of big landlords and *compradors* working in the service of US monopoly capitalists have always used armed force to maintain their exploitative and oppressive rule and to suppress the just struggle of the people against the semi-colonial and semi-feudal social system. This system has kept the Philippines agrarian, backward and undeveloped despite its rich natural resources and industrious people.

Howling wilderness

The United States has been the biggest terrorist force in Philippine history. During its war of aggression against the Filipino nation from 1899 to 1914, the United States killed more than 1,400,000 Filipinos. The documented brutality of Gen. Jacob Smith and his men in razing Samar into a "howling wilderness" is just one example of US war crimes against the Filipino people.

Since its founding, the CPP as a revolutionary force has been most conscious of its duty to respect the civilian population under international human rights and humanitarian laws.

On May 13, 1969, the Central Committee of the CPP approved the Basic Rules of the New People's Army (NPA). Among others, the Basic Rules stipulate that "all officers and men are...always subject to the Three Main Rules of Discipline and the Eight Points of Attention." This is why the NPA is a most disciplined army that respects the rights of civilians and prisoners of war (POWs) and is cherished by the masses.

Freedom

In October 1972, the CPP issued the Guide for Establishing the People's Democratic Government that guarantees the fundamental rights of citizens, including the freedom of speech, association and assembly, the right to work, free public education and due process. In upholding these rights, the CPP actively waged armed struggle and mobilized the people to help oust the US-backed Marcos dictatorship and the US-backed corrupt Estrada regime.

On July 5, 1996, the CPP and NPA as allied revolutionary organizations in the NDFP signed the latter's unilateral Declaration of Undertaking to Apply the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol I of 1977. Earlier, on August 15, 1991, the NDFP declared its accession to Protocol II.

By these acts, the NDFP, CPP and NPA have bound themselves "to respect the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocols, regarding the conduct of hostilities and the protection of the civilian population and the combatants *hors de combat* in the armed conflict with the GRP (Government of the Republic of the Philippines) and to regard (their) obligations under the aforesaid instruments of international humanitarian law as having the force of law among (their) forces and the areas under (their) control."

Humanitarian law

These duties were enhanced by the signing and approval of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) between the GRP and the NDFP that bound both parties to adhere to the international instruments on human rights and humanitarian law.

The longstanding practice of the NPA in the treatment of civilians and POWs has proven its firm adherence to the Geneva Conventions and Protocols, the CARHRIHL and the basic principles of the CPP and NPA. This is a far cry from the record of summary executions and disappearances perpetrated by the GRP armed forces and paramilitary against NPA suspects as documented by Amnesty International.

Self-reliant

The NPA has been self-reliant, with respect to its sustenance and acquisition of arms. It has relied on the people, mainly the workers and peasants. The GRP and its armed forces have internationalized the war by receiving arms from the United States and seeking the participation of US troops in combat operations against the revolutionary forces.

The CPP and NPA are not cowed by the deceitful and arrogant designation of them as terrorist groups by the United States. Such designation is aimed at scuttling the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations and escalating US military intervention.

The rapidly worsening crisis of the United States and the world capitalist system is leading the Bush administration to generate fascism in the United States and the entire world under the guise of combating terrorism. By following in the footsteps of its master, the Macapagal-Arroyo regime is intensifying state terrorism against the people and aggravating further the socioeconomic crisis.

The conditions for armed revolution are more excellent than ever.

'The CPP's military wing has killed US citizens'

By Colin L. Powell
US Secretary of State

TODAY, we are taking another important step in our continuing efforts to combat global terrorism. I am announcing the designation of the Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army (CPP/NPA) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, as defined under US law. I made this decision in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury after an exhaustive review of this group's violent activities.

The CPP, a Maoist group, was founded in 1969 with the aim of overthrowing the Philippine government through guerilla warfare. The CPP's military wing, the New People's Army, strongly opposes any US presence in the Philippines and has killed US citizens there. The group has also killed, injured, or kidnapped numerous Philippine citizens, including government officials.

By designating the CPP/NPA as a Foreign Terrorist Organization and publishing that decision in the Federal Register, we impose measures against these terrorist groups in accordance with section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, which was originally enacted as part of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

This law makes it illegal for persons in the United States or subject to US jurisdiction to provide material support or resources to these terrorist groups; it requires US financial institutions to block assets held by them or their agents; and it makes representatives and members of these groups, if they are aliens, inadmissible to and, in certain circumstances, removable from the United States.

With today's designation, the number of Foreign Terrorist Organizations is now 34. FTO designations play a critical role in our fight against terrorism and are an effective means of curtailing support for terrorist activities and pressuring groups to get out of the terrorism business. I hope this will draw the attention of foreign governments around the world to this group and to the other FTOs. I also hope it will encourage those governments to take action, as we have, to isolate these terrorist organizations, to choke off their sources of financial support, and to prevent their movement across international borders. (*Official statement issued by Powell in Washington DC on Aug. 9, 2002)*

'The NPA burns public buses'

Maj. Gen. Roy V. Kyamko
Commander, Southern Luzon Unified Command

THE ARMED and violent activities being undertaken by the CPP-NPA within the Solcom area of responsibility aptly suit the tag of a terrorist.

The contingent terroristic activities being perpetrated by the CPP and the NPA make the 'terrorist tag' inevitable to the local communist movement in Southern Luzon, which we used to call dissident terrorist.

To be a communist per se is not outlawed in the country as political belief and practices are allowed in the arena of parliamentary struggle, but when one takes up arms to promote one's cause then that makes it illegal. In fact, some leftists are occupying positions in our local government.

The CPP and NPA in Southern Luzon have shown open defiance by conducting violent activities such as killing and salvaging, abduction, ambuscade, and burning of public buses and of relay stations of Globe and Smart. They also impose "revolutionary taxes" on businessmen, intimidate people to work with them, and recruit and train minors as combatants. The organization makes the NPA claims of legality untenable. CPP and NPA leaders in Southern Luzon cannot deny the fact that they continue their acts of violence not only against government officials but also against innocent civilians.

In the quest of CPP and NPA leaders to effect changes in the social, economic and political life in the country, it would be wise and prudent for them to come home and face the charges filed in court and perhaps pursue the peace efforts with the government, thereby avoiding unnecessary bloodshed and discomfort to our countrymen.

'Tread carefully before labeling any organization terrorist'

By Marvic M.V.F. Leonen
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ANY OFFICIAL Philippine declaration that the Communist Party of the Philippines is a terrorist organization does not have solid legal basis. It is unconstitutional on several grounds. It is also a dangerous precedent in the international arena.

Our Constitution requires that "no person shall be deprived of liberty without due process of law." The right of any individual to choose to affiliate with any organization is definitely part of due process. We derive a most basic principle of Criminal Law from this provision, i.e. *nullum crimen, nulla poena sine lege*. There is no crime unless there is a law punishing it. This principle captures the simple idea that no person or group of persons can be punished unless there is a clear law that has been promulgated and published prior to its commission. We have repealed the law on subversion. We do not yet have a law that defines terrorism.

The other possibility would be to claim that the CPP is a conspiracy to do illegal acts or omissions. Press releases from the administration seem to imply that this organization has displayed the requisite number of acts that indicate unity of purpose with respect to kidnapping, grave coercion, homicide and similar acts. Our government should be aware that we have enshrined "presumption of innocence" as a constitutional principle. Our system of governance requires that there be clear charges against individuals who are CPP members, that these charges are read to them, and that they are afforded their day in court.

Any declaration that makes the CPP a terrorist organization also treads dangerously on our cherished principles of free speech. Genuine members of the CPP do not carry identification cards. No seasoned revolutionary will give away her/his identity that easily. Therefore, will funds of an individual openly expressing sympathy with the objectives of the CPP also be frozen? Will any professor, who agrees with the rationale of the armed struggle waged by national democrats, also be arrested as a terrorist? Will someone convincingly discussing the concept of Marxist, Leninist and Maoist revolution in the Philippine context be subject to state sanction? What specific stereotypes will law enforcers use to brand a person a CPP member?

Perhaps it is because of these possible incursions on civil and political rights that international law has so carefully distinguished between acts or omissions committed for political purposes in the context of an "armed conflict" and those that are labeled "terrorist" in nature.

Terrorism defined

The International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism opened for ratification at and accession to the United Nations General Assembly in February 2000, for instance, clarifies that terrorism can mean "an act intended to cause death or bodily injury to a civilian, or to any person not taking an active part in the hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature and context, is to intimidate a population or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act."

The same international convention adds that terrorism can be any act that is prohibited under the following treaties, namely: Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, and the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings.

All these require some degree of factual certainty on the part of the government. We must not be in a hurry to label any organization of Filipinos terrorist—especially if this determination initially comes from another state. (even more so if this is the United States). This act of declaring the CPP as a terrorist organization is part of our State's international practice that can be used as precedent in the future. Today it may be the CPP, tomorrow it could be the Moro National Liberation Front, then Akbayan, Sanlakas and other legitimate forums of dissent.

Mistakenly labeled

The President of the Republic of the Philippines has had difficulty distinguishing socialist, democratic socialist, socialist democratic, national democratic and communist organizations. She mistakenly labeled Akbayan and Sanlakas, for instahce, openly communist. If the chief executive can make this mistake, is it not also possible for a police officer in far-flung rural areas to mistake advocates of social change for members of the CPP? Is it not possible that her intelligence sources about the CPP are wrong?

Careless official action meant to increase media coverage or generate greater political pressure against dissent, may in the future, be used legally against this same administration.

In the country, we are not governed by hysteria or the mob. We should examine with more rigor official acts in order to address the exigencies of the moment with long term solutions. Our government should lead, not react.

The WORLD

Editor **Luverne B. Gueco**

Elbe reaches record high in Dresden

DRESDEN—The death toll rose to 15 in Germany as the Elbe swelled Saturday to another record in the historic city of Dresden, raising questions on how to fix the damage done by the worst floods to hit central Europe in memory.

A POLICE officer takes photos at the Semper Opera in the eastern city of Dresden, Germany, Saturday Aug. 17. After days of torrential rain, the Elbe river flooded huge parts of the region. AP

The latest victim of the floods was a 56-year-old man who drowned while looking for belongings in his cellar in Dresden, the interior ministry in the eastern state of Saxony said Friday. He was the 11th flood casualty in Saxony since the beginning of the crisis last weekend.

Large areas of the baroque east German city, including the center where many of its cultural treasures are housed, were under water.

The level of Germany's second river stood at 9.33 meters (nearly 30 feet, 9 inches) in Dresden early Saturday, pulverizing the previous record of 8.77 meters set more than 150 years ago, in 1845.

The regional geological institute said the Elbe was set to hit 9.6 meters later Saturday with some fearing it might go as high as 10 meters, five times the summer average.

Some 100,000 people have been evacuated, including 30,000 from Dresden and its immediate area, while thousands more were on standby to leave as the Elbe rushes downriver.

In welcome contrast, the crisis eased in neighboring Austria and the Czech Republic, giving shattered communities the chance to assess the extent of the damage to homes, livelihoods and landmarks.

As they returned, their leaders increasingly turned to the question of how to pay for the devastation.

At least 90 people have died since the weekend as the worst floods in more than a century engulfed central Europe, wreaking a trail of disaster from the Black Sea to the Baltic.

With Germany suffering the worst, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder invited his central European colleagues and EU Commission President Romano Prodi to talks Sunday in Berlin. *AFP*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

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Hillary building political machine for presidency

WASHINGTON—Hillary Rodham Clinton has begun building a national political organization, softening her liberal image and taking a lead role in Democratic criticism of President George W. Bush—steps toward a potential campaign to become the first woman president.

Former President Clinton speaks about his wife's run for the presidency as a matter of "when," not "if," say people who have discussed it with him. Several of her associates said she is eyeing 2008 as the year to run.

Sen. Clinton said Friday that she will not break a pledge to complete her six-year term that expires in 2006. "I have no plans to run for president," she said.

Her actions suggest the former first lady is positioning herself for a history-making race. She has:

- Contributed nearly $600,000 to 73 Democratic candidates across the country through her political action committee and has raised even more money by headlining fund-raisers. She has helped candidates in key presidential states such as Iowa and New Hampshire.
- Defended her husband's presidency against attacks from Republicans while sharpening her criticism of Bush.
- Courted the party's moderate wing with a keynote speech to the centrist Democratic Leadership Council. She has sided with Republicans or centrist Democrats on bankruptcy, welfare and anti-Hollywood legislation.

"It used to be that Democrats came to Washington hoping to work for Ted Kennedy," said Donna Brazile, Al Gore's campaign manager. "Now they want to earn their stripes with Hillary."

Clinton has miles to go to override criticism by Republicans that she is a liberal Democrat whose major policy initiative—the 1993 universal health care plan—was a political and policy disaster.

"I think it's always hard for somebody with a full record and a range of interests to be portrayed . . . in soundbites," Clinton said.

"I was the first person in the country to call for teacher testing" as first lady of Arkansas "and I took enormous heat for that. I supported welfare reform in the Clinton administration and I took enormous heat for that." *AP*

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Pope returns to Poland

KRAKOW, Poland—Pope John Paul II begins the second day of his four-day visit to his homeland Poland on Saturday with the consecration of a shrine to Poland's first woman saint who said she had revelations from Jesus on divine mercy.

"Thanks to the humble efforts of an unusual witness—Saint Sister Faustina—the Gospel message of God's merciful love rings out," the pope told an enthusiastic crowd of 15,000 people waving Vatican and Polish flags that had gathered to meet him at the airport upon his arrival Friday. *AFP*

Iraq-UN dialogue

UNITED NATIONS—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan wanted Iraq to accept a Security Council roadmap for the return of UN weapons inspectors and issue a "formal invitation" for inspections to resume after nearly four years. Instead, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri told Annan that Iraq wants to continue a dialogue with the UN on the return of inspectors—but with conditions that the secretary-general has already rejected. *AP*

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Celebrating shared beliefs on independence

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DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Paul Stephen Dimond

UK Ambassador to Manila

AN EARLY question ambassadors get asked is whether they are enjoying good relations with the host country. The response tends to be a trite re-assurance. My own answer is that both the profession and the reward from it have a lot to do with making friends in the host country and building what might traditionally be called relations on the basis of such friendships. But Harold Nicholson wrote about our art that diplomatists should beware of any doctrine that good relations with a foreign government be an end in themselves, the only purpose of their activity.

As the new representative of the United Kingdom to Manila, I prefer an approach to the management of matters Pinoy-British that celebrates not our relations so much as the excellence and mutual value of our extensive connexions, the bonds of interdependence between our albeit distant island nations.

Vice-Admiral Cornish, leaving Falmouth just 240 years ago for his Luconian adventure, or his predecessor Anson, could hardly have imagined the sort of ties the Philippines and Britain would come to enjoy in the 21st century. They might have taken a clue from their contemporary, William Shipley, who was about that time founding one of my favorite British institutions, the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, with the famous words about emboldening enterprise, enlarging science, refining art, improving manufactures and extending commerce.

Forged in 1754

Those linkages between the disciplines and skills of life were forged in 1754. They are all relevant in our bilateral connexions now.

Our enterprise exchanges goods, services and investment worth P450 billion in benefit to sender and recipient. Filipino alumni apply back in their professions here their scientific and other scholarship honed in Britain. The younger generations of Filipinos also go as scholars to Britain to study journalism, economics, graphic design, and in scores of other disciplines, or as heroic nurses or talented artists on our musical stages enchanting our summer park audiences with their ethnic music.

British volunteers in turn help in saving children or in emboldening small-scale enterprise in fishing and other communities in Mindanao.

Connexions

Since arrival in April, I have been happy to see something of the connexions we enjoy. In many walks of life and in many parts of the country, I find much interest in Britain. In Iloilo, the memory of Nicholas Loney, my mid-19th century predecessor there instrumental in setting up the sugar industry. At Batangas, British investment converting the Malampaya gas to electricity for Luzon.

In Davao and Cebu as well as in Manila, our support for hospital centers caring for women and children. In the malls of Manila, our brands attracting the interest of young consumers of fashion and of new products like fun soap. And last week at Maluso, the opportunity to inaugurate the British-made Camanggaan bridge that brings hope for the normalisation of life in that afflicted community of Western Basilan.

Unbreakable link

But the paramount, unbreakable link between us is our shared belief in our values and defense of them when necessary. Our interdependence reflects what my Prime Minister, Tony Blair, described in 1999 as the doctrine of international community.

Domestic and foreign policies in Manila and London are now intertwined. Our governments are engaged across a wide area of policy, such as through exchange of practice between the agencies of law enforcement and balancing complementary interests in health management. We are encouraging the cooperation between leading and specialist non-governmental organisations of our lively civil societies. And we are developing ways of comparing our experience of inter-faith dialogue, based on the dignity of difference, and of good governance.

Exciting

I am fortunate to have arrived at Manila at this moment, Her

CELEBRATING/ p. A11

SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 info:

1. Where can we avail of the SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 cards?

You can purchase the SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 card from all authorized SMART dealers, SMART Wireless Centers, and TSI Outlets.

2. What happens to the voice capability of my celfone if I load the SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 card?

Once the subscriber loads a SMART Pure TxT 100 card, the voice capability of his account is temporarily deactivated and the total balance (the P100 Pure TxT 100 credit, plus the existing load) can only be used for text-based services, such as regular texting, and the SMART zed and SMART Money value-added services.

3. Do I have to buy a new SIM card if I want to avail of SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100?

No. To avail of the SMART Pure TxT 100 service, subscribers do not need to buy a new SIM card or change their phone numbers - all they have to do is load into their existing SMART Buddy GSM SIM a SMART Pure TxT 100 card, which is priced at P100 only, and which comes pre-credited with ten FREE text messages.

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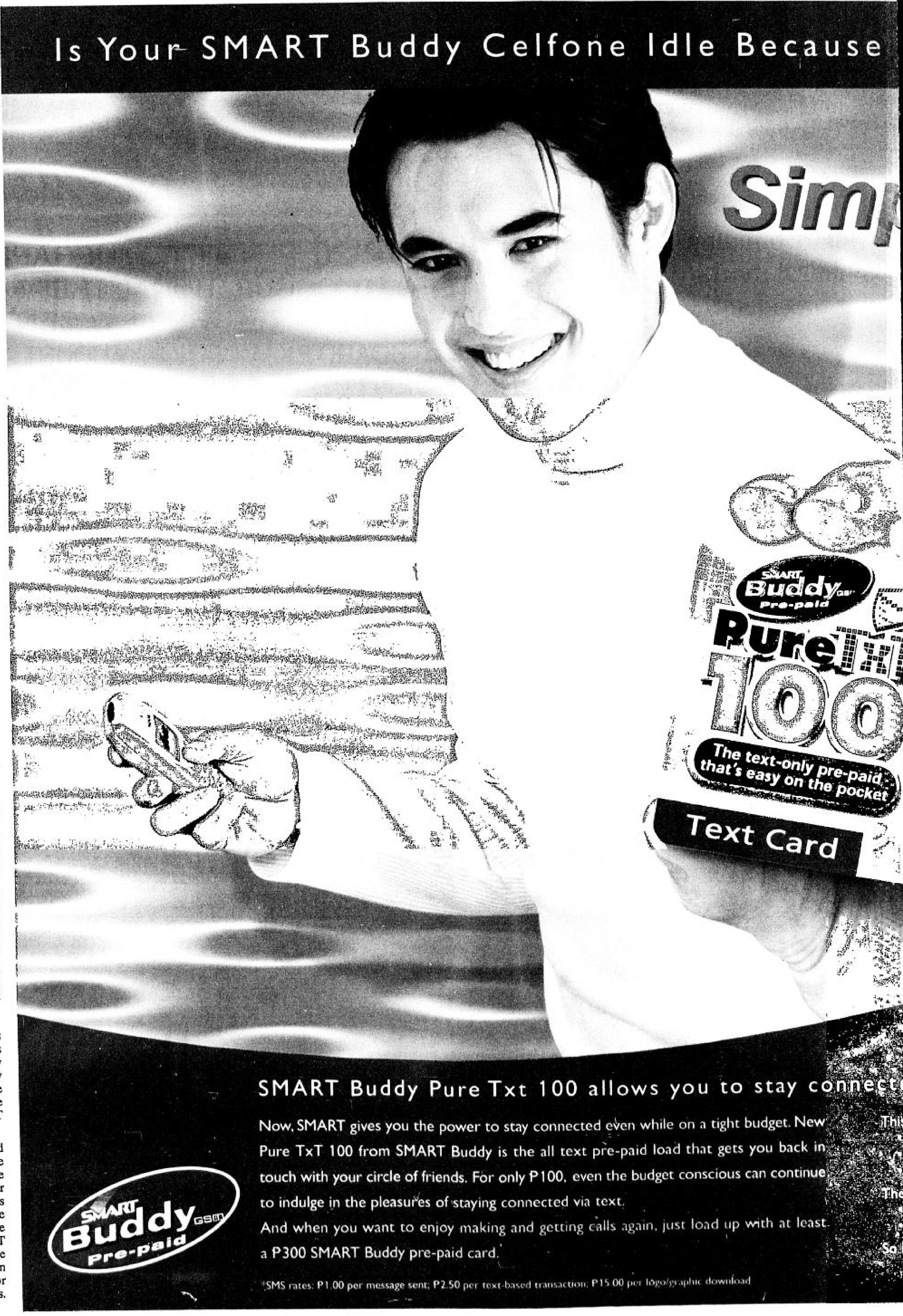

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*SMS rates: P1.00 per message sent; P2.50 per text-based transaction; P15.00 per logo/graphic download

Celebrating shared beliefs on independence

From p. A10

Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's visit to London and arrival on stream of the Malampaya deep water gas for power. Both demonstrate the links with Europe, the largest investor in the Philippines. Exciting things are happening there, as we move to the historical moment of enlargement of the European Union, soon to be a single market of half a billion consumers. I have been much encouraged by recent indications that the significance of Europe is well recognised in the Philippines. In the company of my European colleagues, I want to build on that.

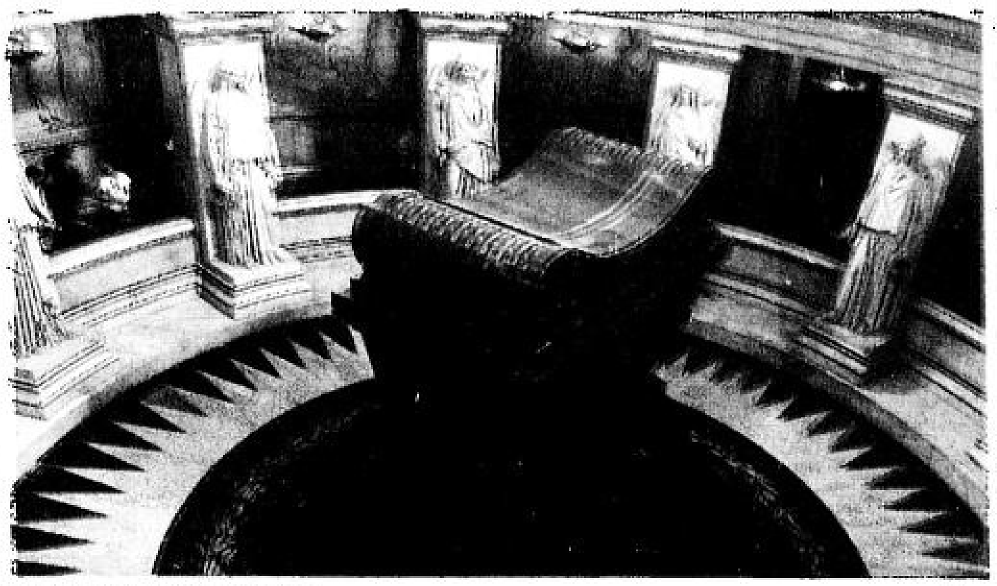
For the British, this has been a special year of the Golden Jubilee of The Queen's Accession. Readers will recall the amazing scenes of celebration on the streets of London surrounding the ceremonial procession and the national thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral and at the parties at Buckingham Palace. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have undertaken extensive tours around the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth.

Hobby

I am often asked about hobbies. Cornish's Falmouth happens to have been the start some years ago of one of my personal journeys: a hobby of collecting vintage books published by a single London house on topography, design, architecture and associated themes that began there quite casually. Visits to a newly discovered antiquarian treasure-house across the continents can often produce something unexpected, a find filling a gap in a set or taking you down some by-way in the collection.

Book-related websites make this hobby immensely easier for travelers than before: there are now at least 18 multi-dealer databases bringing to your screen the collections of hundreds of specialist book dealers all over the world. I have made finds in such diverse places as York, Tokyo, Currumbin and Sonoma, and of course in the unique antiquarian town of Hay-on-Wye on the English-Welsh border.

I look forward to searching collections of Filipiniana too. But also in the coming months, and conscious that I am much the newcomer to these shores, to learning of the men, women and matters of the Philippines in the distinguished journal columns built from what Chaucer called 'witt and subtil enqueryng.'



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The marble grave of French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte under the Invalides Dome in Paris Friday Aug. 16. The French government has ruled out a DNA test that could determine whether the body buried here is that of the fabled emperor.

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5. What happens if a friend calls me on my celfone, but my load is the SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 card? Can I answer their voice calls?

When a friend calls you while you are loaded with the SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100 card, they will hear a message stating "The subscriber you are calling may be reached through text messaging. Thank You." and they will be encouraged to text you instead. No, you won't be able to answer their voice calls.

6. Can I still download all the logos and ringtones available through SMART zed and can I still play their text-based games?

Yes. You can continue to enjoy the services offered by SMART zed, including downloading ringtones, operator logos, picture messages, and games since these are all text-based functions. The corresponding charges for each download or text remains the same even with SMART Buddy Pure TxT 100.

7. What do I do if I want to resume using the voice functions of my SMART Buddy GSM phone?

If subscribers wish to reactivate their incoming and outgoing voice service, they just have to load a regular SMART Buddy GSM prepaid card (whether of P300, P500 or P1000 value denominations). The voice capability is then immediately restored, and the new total balance (the existing credit, plus the newly-loaded SMART Buddy GSM prepaid value) can instantly be used for both voice and text-based services.

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Move to stop slot machines lauded

THE CATHOLIC bishop in Bayombong , Nueva Vizcaya and government officials of Cebu province welcomed President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to scrap the plan by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) to set up 2,000 slot machines all over the country.

Bishop Ramon Villena of the Diocese of Bayombong and Quirino said Ms Macapagal's statement on the slot machine issue was a "wise and inspired expression of the presence (of) Christian values that still pervade in our society."

Ms Macapagal earlier announced that she had instructed Pagcor officials to abort the project, days after drawing the ire of various sectors who called Pagcor's plan a move to create "a gambling republic."

"It is indeed good news, a respite from the previous headline stories published in our daily newspapers," Villena said of the President's decision.

"Our country welcomes the move at this time when the moral fiber of our society has become so entangled, that we easily use the criterion that what is legally right may be morally right, too," he said.

Money cannot make a republic strong, he said, "but values like integrity, honesty and hard work will."

"These values are our best legacy to our young who will one day enjoy a strong republic, built on a strong foundation of Christian values," he said.

Villena said these principles made it possible for officials and the people of Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino to stamp out jueteng.

In Cebu City, Mayor Tomas Osmeña and Cebu Gov. Pablo Garcia were one in saying that Ms Macapagal's decision only showed she was sensitive to public opinion.

"My blood pressure went down when I heard the news," Osmeña said in jest.

Osmeña had been vocal about his opposition to the plans to build slot machine arcades, saying it would just promote gambling considering that these arcades would be put up in areas accessible to low-income individuals and students.

Garcia said he believed Ms Macapagal's decision to stop the slot machine operation was final.

"That shows the President is sensitive to public opinion," he said.

Despite the president's order, Vice Mayor Michael Rama still delivered a privilege speech on Wednesday afternoon to condemn the Pagcor for preparing its facilities in Cebu City without informing city hall officials. *Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Epic chanter appeals for end to military stay

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—A 102-year-old chanter of epics and oral lores of the indigenous peoples in Panay Island took a rare journey to this city to make an appeal for an end to the presence of military troops in her community.

Elena Gardose Francisco was carried in a bamboo basket on the back of her son Samuel during a six-hour trek on muddy trails from their home in Barangay Carvasana, Tapaz, Capiz last Wednesday.

"I don't know if I could make a similar journey again. I came here to chant epics, and say that the military should stay away from our homes, farms and ancestral land," said Francisco during a press conference here yesterday on the occasion of the Indigenous People's Week.

Francisco, better known as Lola Elena to local artists, cultural activists and her clan, is the 1992 Cultural Center of the Philippines awardee for oral literature. She is one of the few living chanters who can recite from memory the epics, known as *sugidanon*, which takes at least a week to finish when chanted in its entirety.

Lola Elena and her clan belong to the indigenous people of Panay who call themselves *Tumanduk* (native), although some scholars also call them *Bukidnon* and *Sulodnon* (people living deep in the mountains). They live in the mountains of central Panay close to the headwaters of Panay, Aklan and Jalaur River, the three major river systems in Panay. They numbered around 18,000 persons.

Their relative isolation helped preserve their distinct culture through the years but did not spare them from being caught in the crossfire during the government's campaign to crush the New People's Army guerillas since the 1970s.

LOLA Elena Gardoce sings her *ambahan* song in a dialect called *dagil* or *ligbok* in front of an audience. ARNOLD ALMACEN

In 1962, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, through Proclamation 67, declared 33,000 hectares in Jamindan, Capiz as a military reservation, within the area where the Tumanduk have lived for generations. Ten years later, the military started collecting land rent from the indigenous households that have slash-and-burn farms within the military reservation area until the practice ended in the 80s.

In 1995, when an Army general called the communities within the military reservation squatters, hundreds of residents signed a petition claiming all of the 33,000 ha as their ancestral domain. That same year, Army soldiers dropped test bombs at the reservation, in areas surrounding Mt. Pula, wounding a woman and two girls in the process.

Lito Espanola of the National Commission for the Indigenous People in Western Visayas said the government has yet to provide funds to process the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claims, a document that would recognize the communities' right to live in their ancestral lands.

Test bombs

Samuel Francisco, spokesperson of Task Foce Tumanduk, said test bombs have been dropped anew near Mt. Pula last May 9, causing panic among the indigenous residents.

Francisco said the men in their communities were forcibly being drafted into squads of Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Units (Cafgu) which assisted Army soldiers in the anti-insurgency drive through foot patrols and the imposition of curfew. He said their communities were peaceful even without the Cafgu members, who might sow intrigues and dissension that could lead to clan wars.

The 3rd Infantry Division, which has made the military reservation its home, tried to make residents of Sitio Pula, Barangay Jaena Sur, Jamindan sign a document that stated they were willing to vacate their homes and the land they till, according to the members of Task Force Tumanduk. The locals could not also cut or harvest the trees they planted unless approved by the 3rd ID.

Major Oscar Lasangui of the Civil Relations Unit of the Army in Western Visayas, said he has yet to verify reports on test bombing using artillery weapons, but said if military trainings were done inside the military reservation, they were "legal."

He added that the Army's presence helps check the number of NPA guerrillas, which regard the central Panay mountains as their stronghold. He refused to comment on the waiver document reportedly being circulated by the 3rd ID command.

Rights violations

In a press conference yesterday, members of the Task Force Tumanduk said the Army's presence disturbed the peace in the indigenous community.

Among the documented cases was that of Roman Parle of Sinuod, Tapaz Capiz, who was arrested last March by members of the Alpha Company of the 12th Infantry Battalion on suspicion that he was an NPA member. He was released without charges but was told not to file any complaint or tell the media.

In August last year, two teen-age boys from Barangay Acuna, were reportedly asked to dig their graves on a rice field. Luckily, their parents came looking for them and they were released, the task force claimed.

The task force said random searches of houses by the soldiers took place in the villages of Minan, Siya, Aglupacan, Mabinin and Tinubusan last year. The soldiers allegedly took away the hunting weapons of the households and promised to return them if the owners vowed to become Army "informers."

To win the "hearts and mind" of the people in the community, Army soldiers have allegedly also offered shiatsu massage therapy to the locals. However, they often targeted young women for treatment, resulting in some pregnancy in the process, the task force claimed.

Half of Aussie aid to RP goes to Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Half of the Australian government's $63 million total aid to the Philippines for this year was earmarked for Mindanao.

Ruth Pearce, the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, said the money would be used to fund projects on peace development, community health, basic education, rural development and community assistance, vulnerable groups and governance.

Pearce told reporters here that Australia, through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), has also shelled out $2.2 million for the first and second phases of the GOP-UN Multi-Donor Program for communities in the Special Zone of Peace and Development (SZOPAD).

She said this would prove that Australia has been very supportive of the peace and development efforts in Mindanao particularly its troubled regions.

Pearce said AusAID focuses on former combatants of the Moro National Liberation Front, their families and communities.

Australia is also participating in the third phase of an emergency program for the SZOPAD areas with a contribution of $15 million over the next three years.

Pearce said the program's aim was to translate the emergency and short-term, post-conflict rehabilitation program "into one dimension that would establish conditions for long-term peace and development in the SZOPAD."

"The third phase also includes a separate relief and rehabilitation component that covers areas where there had been conflict with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the New People's Army," she said.

Pearce said Australia was also trying to help address basic education needs in Mindanao through the Basic Education Assistance to Mindanao (Beam) project.

She said Beam aims to improve the quality of management of basic education in Southern and Central Mindanao and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, and respond to local education needs, particularly those of the minority and isolated communities in these regions.

For its scholarship program, Australia continues to provide 80 scholarships for tertiary education in Australia every year under the Philippines-Australian Development Scholarships facility. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Generators to relieve Catanduanes folk of outages

VIRAC, Catanduanes—Residents of Catanduanes expect to be relieved of constant brownouts when two mobile generators arrived here last Monday, barely a week after President Macapagal Arroyo visited the province and promised to help the residents with their brownout woes.

The bogged-down generator set at the National Power Corporation Marinawa Power Plant has also been repaired, thus assuring the residents of stable electricity supply by the end of the month.

One of the two generator sets can generate 800 kilowatts of electricity.

Carlos Gianan, First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative (Ficelco) manager, expressed optimism that the province will have continuous supply of electricity within the year. Power outages here last from 17 to 22 hours.

Catanduanes Gov. Leandro Verceles Jr. said two more brand new generator sets are expected to arrive here today.

Gov. Verceles said the province will need at least 5.7 megawatts to serve all the 12 municipalities.

He said, the Napocor will lease additional gensets to the province this year to ensure that power will not fail during peak season as advised by Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr.

The Ficelco and Napocor power plants in Marinawa and Balongbong in Bato town, and the Napocor power plant in Viga town service the six northernmost towns of the province. *Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Isabela teachers face criminal raps on scam

ILAGAN, Isabela—Resigned Education Secretary Raul Roco had ordered the filing of criminal and administrative complaints against three teachers from Isabela and Nueva Ecija after they allegedly duped about 80 teachers through a loan scam.

The teachers also faced administrative sanctions as the case was submitted to the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon for investigation.

Benito Tumamao, Isabela schools division superintendent, identified the teachers as Elsie Simon and Leonora Simon, who recently retired, both of the Santiago North Central School in Santiago City, and Flor Esteban, a school teacher in Lupao, Nueva Ecija.

Roco, in an Aug. 6 order, directed the filing of complaints against the three teachers, who reportedly represented a spurious lending agency Kilusang Bayan Credit Inc.

The teachers reportedly persuaded their fellow teachers to avail themselves of loans at P18,000 each with "a low interest."

But every teacher who availed of the supposed loan was asked to pay P5,000 as "processing fee."

Tumamao said some teachers were hesitant to apply for the loan, noting they were suspicious of the source of the lending agency's funds.

He said Esteban supposedly dropped Roco's name in her dealings with the help of two Santiago City teachers who acted as coordinators in Isabela.

Esteban reportedly told applicants that the fund would come from Roco's loan program and would be coursed through the private credit company.

The teachers who applied for loans were issued checks at P18,000 each from Dec. 15 to 17 last year. However, when they tried to encash the checks, bank officials told them the account was already closed.

The teachers who availed of the loan were from Cauayan and Santiago cities, and San Mateo, Ramon and Alicia towns.

Tumamao said the Department of Education has not allocated funds for the loans. He urged the teachers to always check the background of private lending agencies before availing themselves of loans. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

DBM to retire 10,000 gov't employees

BAGUIO CITY—Budget Sec. Emilia Boncodin wants to retire 10,000 government employees next year to help quell a growing budget deficit, which the government intends to cap with a P142-billion deficit spending target for 2003, a Department of Budget Management official said here Wednesday.

The DBM has programmed next year's impending personnel cut-down as part of the government's bureaucratic reengineering, said acting DBM Regional Director Liza Fangsilat.

This will be complemented by massive department mergers and the passage of a regulated procurement measure designed to reduce a P90-billion loss to corruption, she said.

The report caught the Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (Courage) by surprise.

Anthony Basil, Courage regional coordinator, said the 1.2 million government workers are prepared for retrenchments that would arise from the abolition or merger of several line agencies, "and not by an outright reduction of state workers."

"This is (President Macapagal Arroyo's version of) a lean and mean bureaucracy," he said.

Fangsilat said the DBM would offer state workers a hefty retirement package to help generate savings amounting to P720 million.

The DBM increased its deficit spending ceiling to P142.1 billion next year to cope with a proposed P800-billion national budget.

Fangsilat said the DBM had been urging Malacañang for speedier line agency merger programs to cushion government's deficit spending.

Up for abolition next year are several government corporations supervising shelter programs, with the impending creation of a Department of Housing.

She said the government is also studying the merger of the DBM and the National Economic and Development Authority, and the Departments of Agrarian Reform and Agriculture.

She said DBM studies indicate that the mergers would help reduce government spending with a reduced work force and a streamlined budget outlay.

But she said the projected retrenchments would be on top of the proposed 10,000 cutback in the government's work force. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

For pipe organ concert

FILIPINO dances and songs, as well as international folk, classical, contemporary and modern renditions of the Sining Kumintang ng Batangas will be featured on August 24 at the Sentrum, De La Salle, Lipa City. The Sining Kumintang is a performing group composed of students from Bauan. The concert has been endorsed by education officials for teacher-student art appreciation. Proceeds will go to the restoration of the 33-year-old San Sebastian Cathedral pipe organ, the only one in Batangas and one of only 59 units in the Philippines. Tickets are available at the parish offices of the Lipa Archdiocese. For details, call (043) 981-11160 and (043) 756-2122.

Pili planting in Albay

LEGAZPI CITY—A total of 15,210 pili seedlings were planted in at least 127 hectares of farm land in 32 barangays of Albay. The activity is in line with the Albay provincial government's Pili Commercial Production Program. The program aims to develop and promote the planting of pili trees in commercial quantities to provide sustained production volume and improve the quality of pili nut products for domestic and foreign markets.
Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Girl, 6, stabbed

LEGAZPI CITY—A six-year-old girl of Washington Drive, Brgy. 8, Legazpi City was stabbed 14 times by a certain Ramon Como on Wednesday, around 4:30 pm. Como, 28, was charged with frustrated murder with P200,000 bail while the victim is under medication at the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital. Como is detained at the Legazpi City Jail.
Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LGU exposure trip

LEGAZPI CITY—Aiming at enhancingknowledge in leadership and management, Albay Vice Gov. Jesus "James" Calisin and some members of the town councils of Daraga, Polangui and the city council of Tabaco had a 5-day educational exposure trip to some local government units (LGU) in Luzon. The trip included a visit to the LGUs of Naga, Camarines Sur, Cabuyao, Laguna, Carmona and Tagaytay in Cavite City, the provincial governments of Bulacan and Nueva Ecija, the House of Representatives and the Senate.
Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Donations for sick boy

FOR those wanting to help 4-month-old Marianne Tabiano, please send your donations to Maribel Tabiano c/o Julie Alipala, Alipala's Compound, Baguio Valley after Caputatan Crossing, Bgy. Putik, Zamboanga City. Tel. no. 09189202570

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Davao prepares for Kadayawan Fest

By Ayan C. Mellejor
Davao City

BING GONZALES

FLOWERS and fruits, and other products abound in Davao City during its Kadayawan Festival which will be held starting Friday.

The *durian* aroma is all over this city. Flowers are in bloom. Fruits, too. And so the city is being spruced up for the 17th Kadayawan Festival.

In Davao, it's "*madayao*" (pretty, nice and beautiful). Good life means "*kahusay, kaharuhay kanunay*," which is this year's theme that depicts the city's peaceful and comfortable living.

"We will project to the whole world a favorable impression for the greater part of Mindanao," said Id Acaylar, chair of the Kadayawan Festival.

The Kadayawan this year means more revelry, more performers, and more revenues for the city's business establishment, he said.

And to the people behind the festival: Kadayawan embraces the bountiful harvests of fruits, flowers . . . thanksgiving for God-given bounty.

In his book, Eleuterio O. Fuentes said, Kadayawan is a cultural heritage that connects the past, present and future.

"It embodies beauty as symbolized by the *waling-waling*; abundance as the *durian* fruit; strength and majesty as the Philippine Eagle and power and permanence as Mt. Apo."

"Kadayawan gives us pride and self-esteem. Arts and culture play an important role in the development of our nation. And Kadayawan allows us to reflect the gains we have today and fill up the shortcoming to come up with a better future," Acaylar said.

With Kadayawan, Acaylar said, the city hopes to correct the bad impression on Davao and Mindanao.

This year, organizers have compressed the festivity from one week to three days. The sights and sounds that depict Davao will be held on Aug. 22 to 25.

Aug. 22 is Hiyas ng Kadayawan Day, the selection of the festival's queen.

Oscar Casaysay, head of the committee, said the Hiyas search is not the usual beauty contest one could see in festivities, as it would feature local fashion designs out of indigenous materials.

The headdresses and bouquets of the candidates will be made of Davao's cupflowers.

If you're in Davao, catch the Aug. 23 Adlaw'ng Lumadnong Dabawenyo, a whole day affair that is strictly ethnic.

The day starts with Pamukaw or an early morning program followed by the Davao River Festival. It will also feature the famous Bagobo horsefight and the Davao Indigenous People's Festival that gathers the various ethnic tribes in the city.

The Mindanao Indigenous Dance Festival, Acaylar said, features the various dance repertoire of Mindanao's ethnic groups.

Why the Davao River?

Acaylar said the river symbolizes the spirituality of Davao's ancestors.

"It is the root of our humble beginnings as a city. Therefore it is imperative to treasure it," he said.

Acaylar added that the government should develop the consciousness of the Davaoeños to preserve and protect the river from destruction.

Of course, the traditional Indak-indak sa Dalan or street dancing and the floral float parade will complete the festivity on Aug. 24 and 25, respectively.

"It is a celebration on the street. A street revelry," Acaylar said.

In the evening of Aug. 24, Acaylar said Kadayawan will present modern dances and songs with Yanog ug Yugyugan sa Kadalanan, a street concert that features Davao artists and the Rakrakan or Rock Attack on Aug. 25.

There are also the traditional art exhibits, horticulture, agro-industrial fair and sports event.

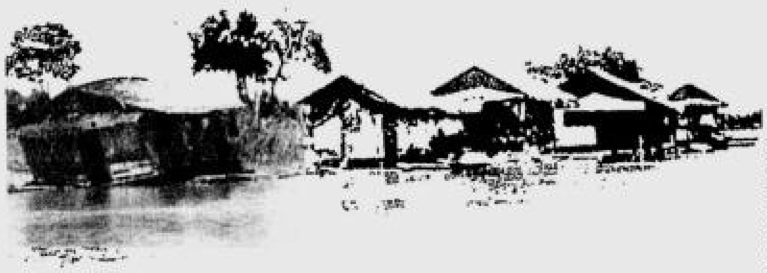
Roger Layson, assistant director of the Department of Tourism (DOT) in Southern Mindanao, said the Kadayawan would perk up the tourism industry.

"Kadayawan has always provided high occupancy rates in hotels, inns and lodging houses because it generates interest from nearby provinces and cities," Layson said.

Kadayawan is the centerpiece of festival promotions under Visit Philippines 2003, according to Layson.

"Major festivals like Kadayawan proved to be a victor draw card to help boost the tourism industry especially in this major destination in Mindanao," Layson said.

Floating community in Caraga learns to cope with perennial floods



LEAH TAGALO-QUINTANA

HOUSES such as these in barangay Sabang Gibong are built on floaters.

By Leah Tagalo-Quintana
Contributor

"The sight of floating communities really amazed me. Never did I imagine that these actually exist," expressed Jim Rebustillo, social welfare and development director for the Caraga Region.

Some of these communities such as La Flora, Maharlika, Sabang Gibong are found along the river in Talacogon in Agusan del Sur.

Rebustillo had his first view of a so-called floating community when he led a DSWD team in an ocular visit to Sabang Gibong. The team was guided by local government officials led by Talacogon Vice Mayor Pedro Pugahan.

Rebustillo explained that the visit was done in relation to the proposed Floating Day Care Center project of the Social Technology Development Program of the department.

Sabang Gibong was identified as pilot area.

The village is a flood-prone area, being situated along the inter-connecting channels of Gibong and Agusan Rivers, which traverse from southern part of Davao del Sur to the city of Butuan, where the opening of Agusan River is located.

Every year this community is pestered with flooding due to continuous downpour. This usually happens from early November to late March. This condition somehow affected almost every activity of the 1,013 residents of Manobos and settlers, whose main sources of income are fishing, farming and log selling.

Despite the adverse condition, people cannot just leave the place. For them, this is their home.

According to Pugahan, the people have already considered the yearly occurrence of flood as part of their lives. They no longer worry about it. They even consider it a blessing because it is during this time that log selling flourishes because it would be easy for them to transport the logs from the cutting area to where the buyers are waiting.

Planting of corn and other crops are done in April until August.

"It is in Sabang Gibong where I caught a very close look of houses on floaters. It is very interesting to see the floating houses complete with amenities like a comfort room, pig sty, big water tank, a place for dogs and chicken, laundry and bath area and even a flower garden. The church and barangay hall are on floaters too," Rebustillo said.

Most of the houses are already on the water. Some are on land but still on floaters, ready for the floods.

But these structures must be tied on trees using heavy-duty ropes or wire cables.

The people of Sabang Gibong are one of the Noahs of today. Not just because their houses can be likened with the Ark of Noah but because like that Biblical figure, they are always ready for the eventual coming of flood.

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Life, not style, magazine

DUGONG MINDANAW

Ramon Jorge Sarabosing

We want to know what the Mindanaoan youngblood, middle-aged blood or high blood are thinking about what's happening in Mindanao and the rest of the country.—Ed.

ONE year ago, we put up a lifestyle magazine for Butuan City and the region of Caraga. We were both excited and apprehensive. Excited because it was the first time it was being done locally and that we thought we finally had our own. We thought it was the time to hear our own voice and have something—actually a lot of things to write about— about ourselves and shared with our people.

We also believed that the magazine would put a sense of pride and (re)discovery in ourselves. No longer would we apologize, make alibis or put down ourselves because we thought we are inferior, voiceless, unheard of or unwritten about. Having traveled around the region, it is frustrating to know that we do not have a sense of neighborliness. There is not much arrogance and ignorance between and among our people.

Through the magazine, we would end that. The paper would be the bridge of bonding information and knowledge; and celebrate and document the gains and pains of our people and in the process our concrete selves.

But apprehensions abound too. "*Naa kaha'y interesado mopalit*? (Will there be interested buyers?) Of course there will be. All of us staff have relatives and immediate neighbors. We kid ourselves. (At the moment, we realized we have a terrific number of relatives and neighbors, all 200 subscribers.)

The magazine, called Northwind comes out once every three to four months. We wanted to come out every month but for reasons financial and professional (being part-timers) we could not. Our first issue was both a success and a flop. The printing press that promised us good quality production betrayed us with terrible dark pages. A reader observed "*magulang ra mo sa* Xerox copies"—something like we're a bit lighter or darker than a bad Xerox copy.

But more than the initial "not so good" output, I think we succeeded. They want to know what the neighbors are doing. The arrogance and ignorance are nothing but mere put-ons. The sense of pride after reading the paper was surfacing.

"Your use of Visayan and Surigaonon dialects (other than English) is most welcome," said one reader. "It's unique and sends a strong message to our identity."

Other readers say they never thought beautiful vacation spots exist right in the vicinity until they read it in our local travel/tourism section. Another gave us a strong politically correct comment: "*Panahon na nga aduna po'y ato. Kapoy na kaayo nang puro taga*-Manila *na lang ang atong mabasa*. (It's time we had our own. It's tiresome to read about those people in Manila). We don't know them and they don't have an impact on us.

True, a lot of us in the provinces are sick of national papers that hardly speak for or about us. (No wonder a lot of people dropped the lifestyle sections as it contains movie stars and promotions, irrelevant wedding and party pictorials.)

Others say we are more than a lifestyle magazine or have re-invented ourselves. "Because where can you find a lifestyle magazine that carries critical stories on the bombings of Lumad people in Agusan del Sur, the city's garbage dump and its effects on the community, the grandstand that has become a palace of homeless fire victims and the lives and struggles of community organizers (COs)?" asked one.

We like to think we are more of a life magazine, style secondary.

Being a small and struggling print media outfit with big ambitious dreams for our people, we sailed on. Comprising of young people, the group is enthusiastic we will pull through our publisher and the marketing man will give you an eye. (That would be another story.)

It's been four months now since we came out last. Some of our subscribers are getting impatient. We are, too. There is so much to share. In the next issue, we plan to honor the ordinary men and women achievers in the communities. The magazine, after all, is theirs too.

Roco steals the show at Sharon's concert

From page A1

The former senator, his wife Sonia and members of his staff occupied front-row seats along with Cuneta's family including husband Sen. Francis Pangilinan, Senate President Franklin Drilon and wife Mila, former lawmaker Wigberto Tañada, and Speaker Jose de Venecia's wife, Gina de Venecia.

Roco arrived midway in the concert, while Cuneta was singing with guest Martin Nievera.

But he was careful not to make a stir and waited at the back until an usher led him to his seat, according to concert producer Sandra Chavez of Artist House Inc.

ROCO

Chavez told the INQUIRER that Roco was given two tickets for the concert and confirmed attendance only last Thursday.

Hours after he resigned Tuesday, Roco watched "Hibik at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw," a *zarzuela* by Bienvenido Lumbera and Lucien Letaba, at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater in UP Diliman.

Public servant

Roco may now be a private citizen, but he intends to continue being a public servant.

Speaking yesterday over station dzBB, he said he would boost the reforms he started at the DepEd through his radio program "Aksyon Roco at Raul."

He plans to do this by continuing to take on problems and complaints aired by the public about education. "Just phone me. This is my public service to you," he said in Filipino.

Roco said he would call the attention of concerned education officials, from the superintendents to the regional directors, on radio. "It's possible they'll listen to us," he said.

A member of Roco's staff said he had all the phone numbers of DepEd officials and would call them, usually on their mobile phones, for faster action.

But yesterday, she said, calls poured in from the public expressing sadness over Roco's resignation as education secretary.

"What is to become of us with Secretary Roco gone?" she quoted one caller, a grandmother, as saying in Filipino.

"It is only now that public school education is really free," the caller said, relating how Roco had banned the collection of any fee in public schools.

Cordial meeting

Roco recalled that his Friday meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo was "cordial."

He said they did not dwell on his resignation but that he asked the President and Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo not to reimpose the service fees he had worked to abolish.

"He said to watch the service fees because if these are brought back, pity the teachers," his staff said.

Roco considered the fees collected by certain DepEd employees for the preparation of teachers' paychecks as "illegal" and a form of bribery.

But some concerned employees contested this, saying the fees were a form of "incentive" pay provided for in the previous General Appropriations Act (GAA).

They said they were aggrieved that Roco would deem them corrupt for collecting the service fees.

"That's not true," one of them said. "That was in the past GAA manual. He should not think ill of us."

DepEd employees said Roco was different from his predecessors because he was very strict and demanded obedience.

Some of them said DepEd directors and other officials quaked in fear whenever Roco called.

"He did not mince words," said an official. "He demanded action and he expected you to do what you are expected to do."

Short fuse

Another official described Roco as "temperamental" and quick to raise his voice.

"Maybe that is his flaw," she said. "He is so easily angered. He hurt a lot of feelings in the DepEd Central Office. Maybe it has something to do with his health. I like him as a leader, but he should watch his being so temperamental."

But it is this precise characteristic that helped Roco whip the DepEd bureaucracy into action, said another official.

"If Roco was not like that, the directors would not have followed the reforms he instituted," she said.

EDWIN BACASMAS

"BAHAY kubo" (nipa huts) for the homeless fire victims in Barangay 649, Baseco Compound in Manila are inspected by President Macapagal on Saturday.

'We're solid for Gloria'

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presidential election," De Venecia said, referring to Roco's third-place showing in the contest that Joseph Estrada won. (De Venecia emerged a poor second.)

"It's hard to run without a party," the Speaker said, adding that 56 percent of the 400,000 newly elected barangay officials are members of Lakas.

Together with officials from the other parties in the PPC, the administration had 87 percent of the barangay officials whose support is deemed crucial to national candidates, he said. The remaining 13 percent is divided among opposition groups.

New job for Roco

De Venecia, however, said he would convince Roco to stay with the administration. He said Roco could be given a new job, but declined to be specific.

"We should wait for the air to clear and emotions to subside," De Venecia said, adding that Roco was overly sensitive to the routine investigation prompted by a graft complaint filed against him.

A congressman belonging to Lakas said Roco could be chosen as Ms Macapagal's running mate if he would stay on with the coalition.

"He will be a strong vice presidential candidate," said the lawmaker who asked not to be named.

Negros Occidental Rep. Jun Lozada, Lakas vice president for international relations, agreed with Abad that the PPC might be forced to choose between Roco and the President.

"We should really try to work for a reconciliation because if this rift worsens, it will be the PPC who will suffer," Lozada said.

He pointed out that in a divided coalition, officials would be preoccupied with their personal interests and neglect the bigger interests of the nation.

Lozada echoed Abad's call for the convening of the PPC or at least the executive committee of Lakas, saying: "There should be a meeting to know the sentiments of the group."

He suggested that Malacañang "exert greater efforts in reaching out" to Roco.

But Ernesto Herrera, the top Lakas official in Central Visayas, said it was too early to say that the PPC was heading for a breakup because the presidential election was two years away.

He noted that Abad was not even a party member. "These people are not our concern and they can express what they want," he said in a radio interview in Cebu City.

Herrera admitted that Roco was a loss to the administration and a strong contender for the presidency.

But the President has the advantage because of the government machinery, he said.

"From the practical standpoint, the government machinery itself will become a sort of a party of the President," Herrera said.

He also said people should not be certain that Roco would bolt the PPC because a Macapagal-Roco team-up could emerge for 2004.

Isolation

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel continued airing acerbic comments on Roco's resignation. This time he said the President could soon find herself politically isolated, with prominent politicians quitting her Cabinet.

He said Ms Macapagal needed politicians in her Cabinet to complement the technocrats and professional civil servants, and to strengthen her political base.

"These resignations are bad for the President," he said. "Let us not forget that (she) has no direct mandate."

Pimentel reminded Ms Macapagal that she was installed as President through People Power II. Thus, he said, she should keep these political leaders in her team.

He also said that given the "signs of widening cracks," there was "no doubt" that the PPC was headed for a split.

This, he said, was bound to benefit the opposition in the race for the presidency.

But Sen. Manuel Villar said the President would politically benefit from Roco's resignation.

Villar said Roco's potential third force would draw support and votes away from the opposition's standard bearer and boost the chances of the administration candidate.

"I am certain there are sympathizers in the PPC who will gravitate to (Roco) in 2004. All the indications point to this," Villar said Friday in Baguio City.

"But as far as we in the administration are concerned, it will be the opposition (that will be most affected by a Roco candidacy)," he added.

Worried by developments, Barbers called for a national conference to disprove reports that Lakas was no longer united behind Ms Macapagal.

He said it was imperative for all Lakas members to meet and discuss such matters as peace and order, economic problems and specific concerns.

Barbers said the holding of a national conference would belie the perception that the ruling party was in disarray.

"The national leaders of Lakas must show that it remains solid and strong and continues to work for the best interests of the nation," he said.

Warning

Gerry Albert Corpuz, information officer of the militant fisherfolk group Pamalakaya, warned PPC leaders to take "precautionary measures" ostensibly to avoid ending up like Roco and Guingona.

According to Corpuz, the President has shown that she will not think twice in accepting the resignation of Cabinet members who are her potential political rivals in 2004.

"The President and her cohorts are engaged in the wholesale assault of possible contenders in the 2004 election and of those groups exposing her A-1 puppetry to the United States, her sheer militarism and her anti-people policies and style of governance," Corpuz said in a statement.

"The leaders of the PPC should take precautionary measures because the President and her military advisers are out to enlist (them) as the next Guingona or Roco."

Carl Anthony Ala, secretary general of the peasant group Nnara Youth, also urged PPC leaders to isolate the President and her military advisers, and stop their "demolition project" against officials perceived dangerous to her political plans.

"If they are sincere in keeping the PPC intact, legislators and other members of the coalition should start distancing themselves from the clique of (Defense Secretary) Angelo Reyes and the President," Ala said. ***With reports from Cynthia D. Balana and TJ Burgonio in Manila; Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Guessing game is on for new DepEd secretary

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a teaser: "He's an educator, not a politician."

And he is the same man originally recommended by the President's search committee, Bunye said without saying when the recommendation was made.

"If he's available, the announcement will be made," Bunye added.

According to Bunye, the President mentioned a second choice in case the first one refuses.

"The second one is also male, an educator, and not a politician," Bunye said.

The buzz in Malacañang and the Department of Education is that Nilo Rosas, a former education undersecretary, is the lead candidate, followed by Emmanuel Angeles, former president of Angeles University.

Rosas was National Capital Region director under then Education Secretary Isidro Cariño.

He became undersecretary during the Estrada administration and retired in June 2000. He is now president of the Philippine Normal University.

Angeles is the president of the Clark Development Authority.

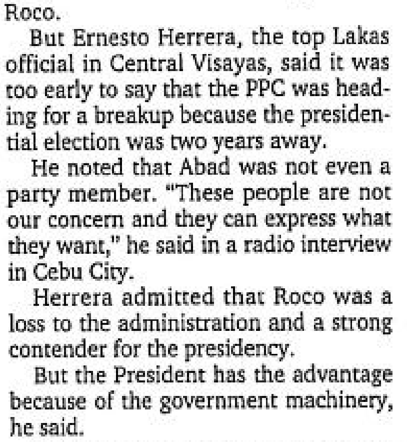
The names of Presidential Adviser for Higher Education Mona Valisno and Commission on Higher Education chair Esther Garcia were supposedly also "floated," but apparently they did not make the grade.

Rosas, 56, is the candidate of the Federation of Associations of Private School Administrators (Papsa).

"The most apolitical contender is Nilo Rosas," said Papsa president Eleazardo Kasilag. "Private schools need Rosas as an active umbilical cord that will link the private and public schools."

Kasilag described Rosas as "homegrown" and possessing "greater edge over other contenders as a veteran of the education department for 27 years."

As NCR director of the education department, Rosas was often heard early morning on radio announcing the suspension of classes because of stormy weather. ***With a report from Donna S. Cueto***



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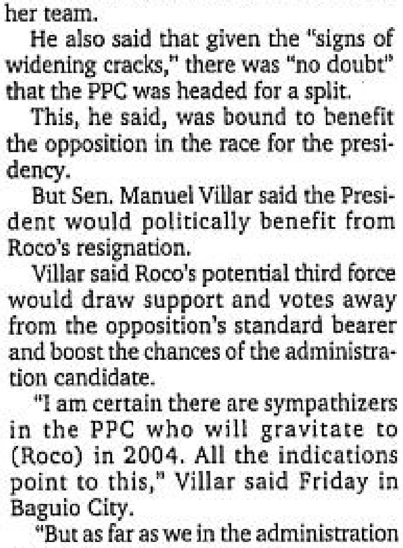

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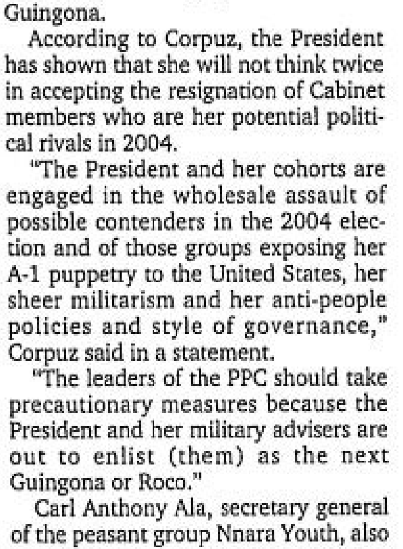

EMMANUEL ANGELES

Coming full circle, Maid Miriam turns marm

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politicians, particularly the 'presidentiables,' suffer from subterranean intellects, prone to plotting how to steal money, destroy others and gain undeserved publicity."

Paraphrasing Alice in Wonderland, she quipped that the political system was "getting worserer and worserer."

"Those who should be in the Senate are not there and those who should not be in the Senate are swaggering there," she said.

She is flattered when people ask her to run for the Senate anew because they miss her kind of firebrand acoustics and they want her to "breathe life to that dying institution."

"Asking me to return to politics is like asking me to put my hand in the blender," she said.

While politicians are busy preparing for 2004, Santiago said she has been writing college textbooks and talking to Metro Manila university presidents.

She wants to teach using her own books, which thus far include 15 textbooks in law and political science.

Half of her new house in La Vista, Quezon City, is occupied by a library so huge that it reportedly can hold the Library of the US Congress, perhaps yet another hyperbole typical of the lady.

After losing a reelection bid in 2001, Santiago went to the United States to consider teaching there or working in the United Nations.

Neighbor to GMA

But she abandoned her overseas plans to settle her family in their new home, where she's a neighbor of President Macapagal-Arroyo and the recently resigned education secretary, Raul Roco.

Santiago holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, and Bachelor of Laws degree, cum laude, from the University of the Philippines.

She is also a holder of Master of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudential Science from the University of Michigan, USA, where she was a Barbour scholar and DeWitt fellow.

She did postgraduate studies at Harvard in the United States and Cambridge and Oxford universities in the United Kingdom.

She worked in the Department of Justice in Manila, the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and the Philippine Embassy in Washington.

She was presiding judge of the regional trial court in Quezon City.

'Iron Lady'

She also served as immigration commissioner and later agrarian reform secretary where she carved an image as a graftbuster and earned the name "Iron Lady."

Her stint in the immigration bureau earned her dozens of awards, among them the Asian equivalent of the Nobel prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award for government service.

She captured the imagination of the youth when she ran for president in 1992 but lost to Fidel Ramos.

She filed an electoral protest but the case dragged on so she ran for the Senate in 1995. She quickly became one of the Senate's most colorful and articulate personalities.

She paid a price for her loyalty to President Joseph Estrada.

One of the 11 senators who voted against the opening of the second envelope, Santiago became the subject of vilification by an angry public.

She lost in the senatorial elections in May 2001.

Santiago's former students consider her to be a brilliant and witty professor.

Ilonggo accent

She laughed at what one of her former students said in a TV interview: "It was an evening class and I was unprepared to recite, so she turned to the window and predicted that my future would be as dark as the night outside."

He is now a successful business executive.

Another student introduced her in a speaking engagement as "Ivy League with an Ilonggo accent." He also revealed how he used to wait in the library on weekends where the unsuspecting Santiago worked in one corner wearing shorts and sneakers.

This mother of two sons and two adopted daughters and wife of former Interior Secretary Narciso Santiago Jr. once showed off her shapely legs in a poolside photograph. *With a report from Rogelio Constantino Medina*

Law-enforcement critic now sings praises to Pacer

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chief, had been the chief critic of the police since then Director General Leandro Mendoza took over as national police chief. Mendoza has since been appointed transportation and communications secretary following his retirement from the police force. He was replaced by Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.

Order of Battle

Ang-See said that the Pacer, headed by Ebdane himself, had cracked at least five of the 21 most notorious kidnap-for-ransom groups listed on the PNP's Order of Battle.

She was referring to the Bucala and Fajardo kidnapping groups, the top two syndicates on the PNP list.

Pacer operatives killed three suspected members of the Villaver group, a subgroup of the Fajardo gang, and arrested three others in a series of operations in Bulacan last month.

Next, they rounded up seven suspected members of the Lucido-Estillore group, a subgroup of the Bucala gang, while they were about to strike in Cavite this month.

ANG-SEE

"The Pacer is doing very well," Ang-See said in a phone interview.

Ebdane had said that the Pentagon gang would be considered busted once 300 members of its guerrilla faction come down from the hills and lay down their arms.

He said last month that local officials in Mindanao were working on their surrender.

Ang-See added that President Macapagal-Arroyo has also helped in the anti-kidnap drive for keeping a high-profile against kidnappers.

"I think the President is on the right track. She has been keeping them (Pacer agents) on their toes. She has shown that she was serious in busting the crime syndicates," she said.

Ms Macapagal ordered the creation of Pacer in early July following the abolition of the National Anti-Crime Commission Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Naktaf). She later issued specific directives for Pacer to focus on crushing the active kidnapping syndicates.

Pacer personnel have declined to release statistics on kidnapping in July.

During the anti-kidnap summit on July 9, Ebdane reported that during the first half of the year, kidnappings went down by 33 percent and the number of Filipino-Chinese victims also decreased by 63 percent.

Gloria excited . . .

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family.

To prepare for her *apo*'s (grandchild) coming, Ms Macapagal has turned over the baby clothes of Pampanga Vice Gov. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo to her daughter-in-law, Angela Montenegro-Arroyo.

Mikey said the President had neatly stored the clothes because she wanted these to be worn by her first grandchild.

"I also want you and Angela to use your baby crib," Mikey quoted his 55-year-old mother as instructing them.

"She's very excited to become a grandmother," Mikey, 33, said of the President.

He said Angela's pregnancy had become apparent last month when she missed her monthly period and when she started to gain weight.

Mikey and Angela were wed last June 24 at the St. Agustin Church in Lubao, the Macapagals' hometown.

"Angela has been eating a lot. She always wants sweets. She always hankers for chocolate cake," Mikey said.

"I'm very happy that I'll be a father soon," he said, breaking into laughter during a telephone interview earlier this week.

Mikey said his father, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, was "more excited."

"There's never been a day these past few weeks that he did not ask about Angela's condition. He's always asking how she's been," Mikey said.

This early, the First Gentleman already has plans for the baby.

"Whether it's a boy or a girl, I'll teach the baby to play golf when he or she is big enough to play," Mikey quoted his father as saying.

WEDDING of the Year last June 24 at the St. Agustin Church in Lubao, Pampanga.

Mikey said he, Angela and the rest of the Arroyo and Montenegro clans do not mind whether the baby is a boy or a girl.

"We'll be happy with what the Lord will give us," he said.

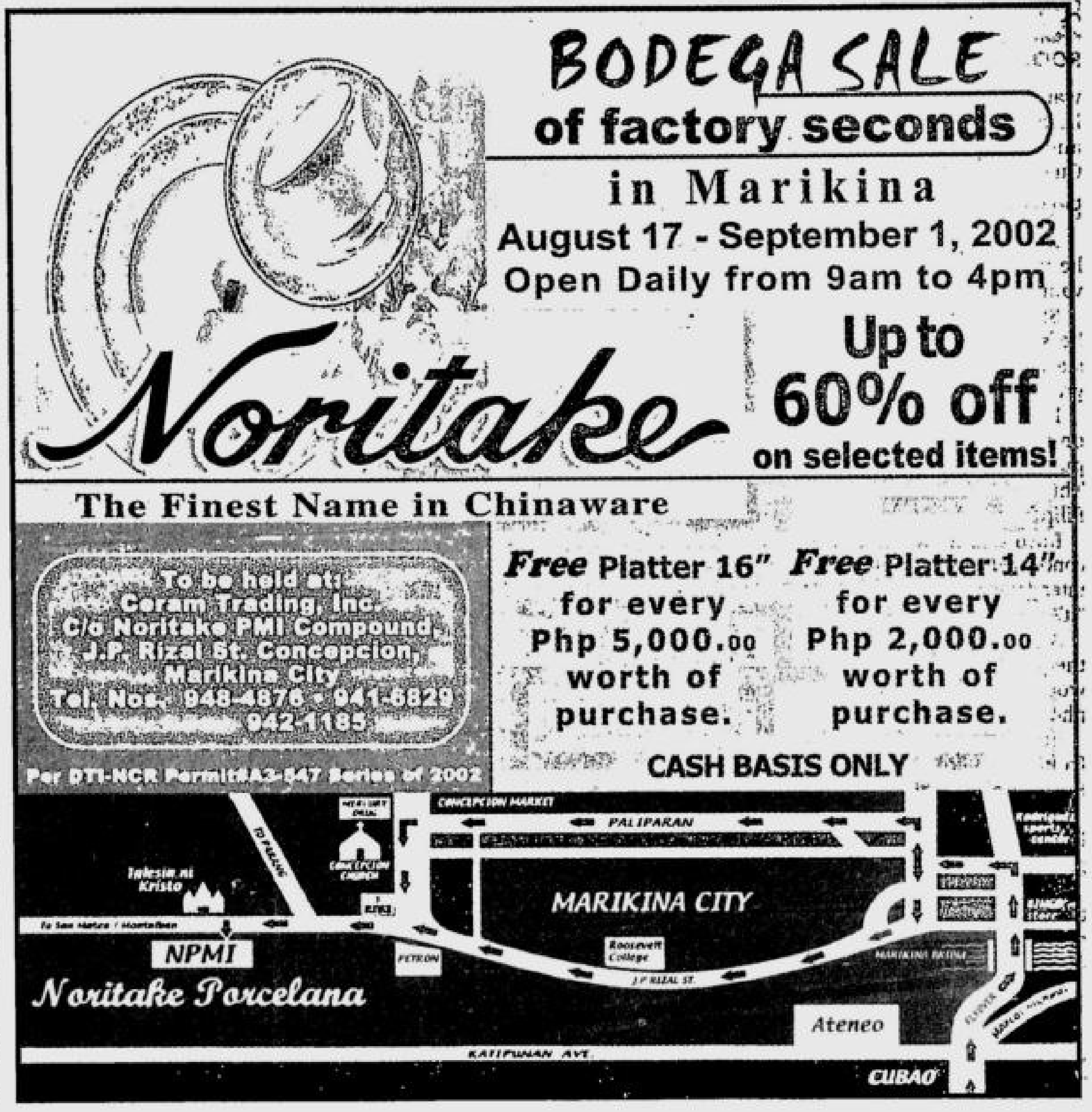
Outside of the two clans, Mikey said he first announced Angela's pregnancy to his constituents. He broke the news in Floridablanca, Pampanga, last Monday when he swore in new barangay captains.

While pregnant women are known to have mood swings and tend to be demanding of their husbands, Angela continues to be "very understanding," Mikey said.

He said he has been away most of the time, seeing her only at night.

"She's been very kind. She understands that I hold a public office that demands time. I appreciate her for that," he said.

As for choosing a name for the baby, Mikey said, that would be another exciting phase for the would-be grandparents.



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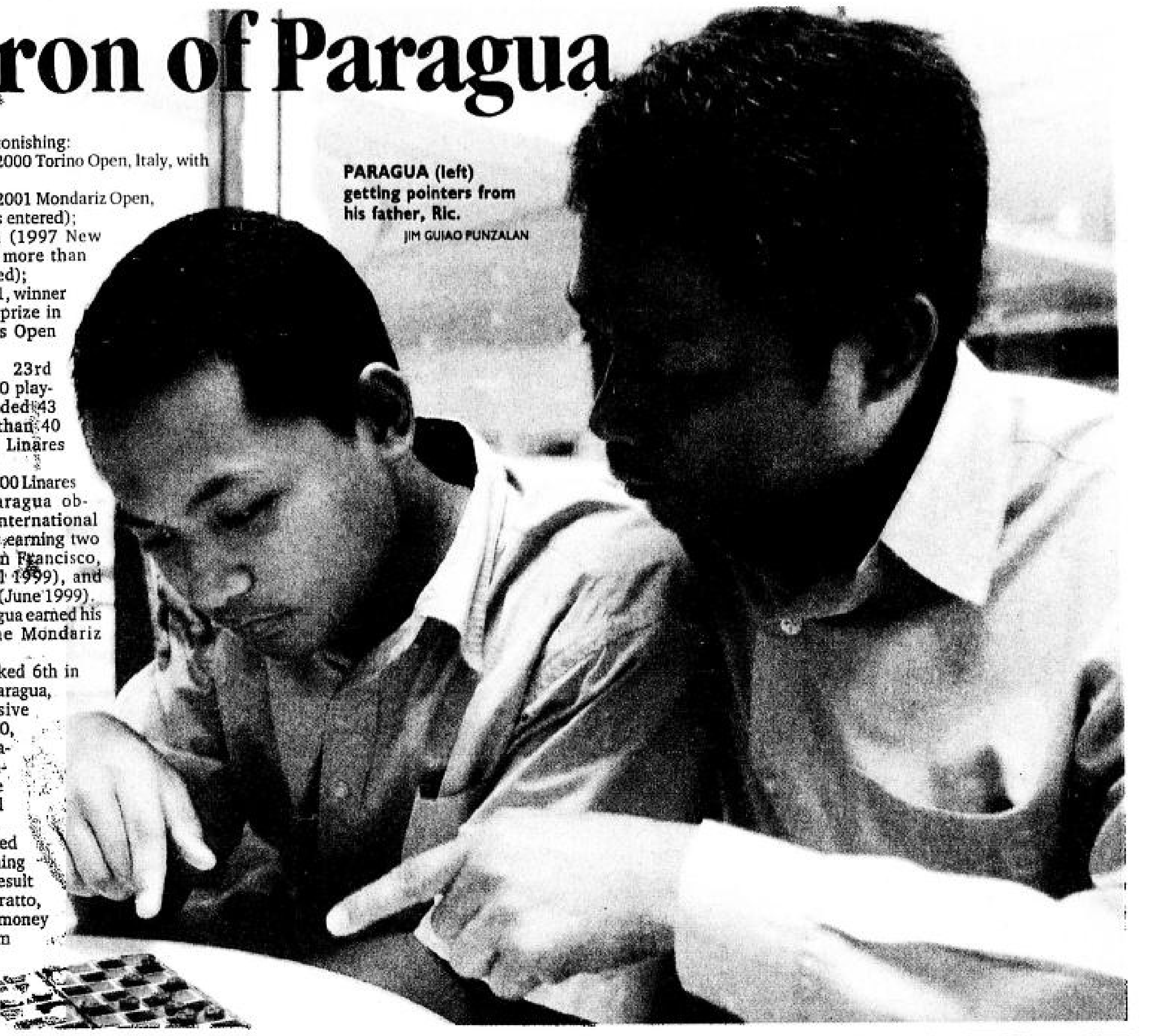

PARAGUA (left) getting pointers from his father, Ric.
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

MARK Paragua came to me yesterday asking for help. Truly, he needs help.

No, he is not sick. He is addicted. To chess.

"He is our best bet at the moment to gain world honors for the country," said Nixon Kua, head of the Philippine Tourism Authority.

Kua, a former journalist, has been Paragua's No. 1 admirer for years now. Together with his buddy Jeremy Regino, Kua has been looking for "the good guys" from the private sector on behalf of Paragua.

"Sadly," said Kua, "Mark may not be able to achieve his dream if help does not come soon."

Paragua needs at least $25,000 to finance his bid for a full grandmaster status.

The budget is broken down to 7 campaigns in Europe starting, hopefully, next month.

"At the rate he is going, he'll be able to do it," said Ric, Mark's father. "Not that I'm his father. But I know my son. He's ripe for it."

Ric, a civil engineer, quit his job in 1993 to concentrate on his son's chess career. He was a water supply/deep well specialist for 9 years with the Highways.

"I had to quit working as I found Mark deeply dedicated to chess," said Ric, who has four other children—Vincent, 16, a band guitarist; Irina, 14, Adrian 12 and Hanna 4. Hanna was born on Jan. 6 1998 when Mark won the World Juniors in Paris.

"The family understood, specially my wife Flor (Flordeliza Callamo)," said Ric, 45. "Not that Mark is special. It's just that he really needs me as his mission is almost a lifetime dream."

The family now subsists mainly on the income of Flor, 38. Flor works as an industrial engineer in a rubber company (Titan).

Said Ric: "I wish the government could help. But I would also value very much the support from our friends from the private sector."

Mark showed his chess potential when he learned to play the game at age 4 in 1988.

Ten years later, he won the World Junior Championship (under 14) in Paris.

Two years later in 2000, Mark placed third in the World Championship (under 16) in Oropesa, Spain.

Before that, Mark tied for 3rd to 4th in the World Juniors (under 10) in 1994 in Szeged, Hungary, and then tied for 3rd to 4th anew in the 1996 World Juniors (under 12) in Menorca, Spain.

Only 18, Mark, born on March 29, 1984 in Tondo, Manila, now holds three national records: Youngest Filipino IM at 15, youngest Filipino NM at 12 and youngest Filipino GM candidate at 17.

Mark's record in five other international tournaments is astonishing:

1) Champion (2000 Torino Open, Italy, with 9 GMs entered);
2) Champion (2001 Mondariz Open, Spain, with 7 GMs entered);
3) Champion (1997 New York Open with more than 250 players entered);
4) At age 11, winner of the brilliancy prize in the 1995 Linares Open (Spain); and,
5) Placed 23rd among nearly 200 players, which included 43 GMs and more than 40 IMs in the 2000 Linares Open.

It was in the 2000 Linares Open where Paragua obtained his full International Master title after earning two IM norms in San Francisco, California (April 1999), and Ontario, Canada (June 1999).

Last year, Paragua earned his GM norm in the Mondariz Open.

Currently ranked 6th in the Philippines, Paragua, with an impressive Fide rating of 2480, is a holder of 5 national championships. He is the reigning national junior champion.

He was supposed to start campaigning for his full GM result on Aug. 20 in Bratto, Italy, but lack of money prevented him from leaving the country.

The patron/s should come in now as Paragua's succeeding tournaments will be kicked off in the World Chess Olympics in Bled Slovenia (Oct. 25-Nov. 12).

From there, he will proceed to the World Under-18 Championship in Crete, Greece (Nov. 14-27), and then to the World Juniors in Calicut, India (Dec. 8-22).

Talent-rich but with a near-empty pocket, Paragua will also miss 3 GM-laden tournaments from September to October in Hungary.

But he will not be idle, though. Tomorrow, he will join his fellow Slovenia-bound Olympians in a tournament that will give a match winner P3,000 and the loser P200. Every draw will fetch both protagonists P1,500 each.

Paragua does not have the luxury of time in his GM dream. He needs 2 more GM results to become a full GM.

He can score a shortcut by doing a Torre (Eugene) in Slovenia in October. By winning at least 9 Olympic matches, he can become a full GM—the same route taken by Torre in the Nice (France) Olympiad in 1974.

"That is almost next to impossible to attain now," said Ric. "The world teems with super grandmasters. The Olympiad is a virtual playground of GMs."

Still, his son is determined.

"I may not hit the jackpot in Slovenia," said Mark. "But I feel I can make it in four months time at the very least."

Europe, the world's seat of chess activity, is where he's going to give a go of it should the Olympiad prove unfriendly to him.

It's the budget that bugs the father-and-son act.

"Again, I hope our sports patrons out there will listen to our pleas," said the elder Paragua. "I've dropped everything for my son's chess career."

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Unstoppable La Salle routs Adamson, 91-64; UE wins

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES TODAY (Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
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DEFENDING champion La Salle routed Adamson, 91-64, to stretch its unbeaten run to eight games yesterday at the start of the UAAP basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

Adamson mentor Luigi Trillo solved the feared La Salle press, but the Falcons failed to come up with a decent defense against the Archers, who came out spewing fire right from the opening buzzer.

In the second game, James Yap sizzled with 30 points as University of the East scored its 6th straight win after two losses by nipping University of the Philippines, 74-71.

La Salle coach Franz Pumaren enjoyed the luxury of using his second stringers as the Archers roared to their biggest lead, 69-41, in the third period.

Mike Cortez, Mark Cardona, Adonis Sta. Maria, Manny Ramos and Joseph Yeo finished in double figures, while reliever Tyrone Tang delighted the crown when he scored 9 points on top of 6 rebounds and 3 assists.

UP and Adamson dropped to 3-5.

LA SALLE 91—Cardona 17, Sta. Maria 13, Ramos 12, Cortez 12, Yeo 11, Sharma 10, Tang 9, Vainio 3, Wilson 2, Aquino 2.

ADAMSON 64—Abadia 16, Alonzo 12, Mamaclay 9, Mangulabnan 8, Hate 5, Rolan 3, Tiongco 3, Catabay 2, Tagupa 2, Ferrer 2, Gandarosa 2.

Quarters: 27-14, 43-27, 69-41, 91-64

UE 74—Yap 30, Artadi 12, Estrada 11, Omiping 6, Canaleta 5, Alminario 4, Booker 2, Masbang 2, Butel 2, Tubid 0.

UP 71—Bravo 17, Cervantes 14, Almeda 13, Santos 10, Reyes 8, Celo 5, Arnaiz 4, Nunag 0, Tabique 0.

Quarters: 21-21, 39-35, 59-50, 74-71

Talk N Text alive

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
3:45 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs San Miguel
5:45 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Sta. Lucia

ANTIPOLO CITY—Elmer Lago buried a game-clinching triple as Talk N Text went on to subdue Sta. Lucia Realty, 87-79, yesterday and force a decider today in the quarterfinals of the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Ynares Center here. In the second game, Jarmaine Walker and Frantz Pierre-Louis propelled Federal Express to a 79-76 win over Alaska to set up a do-or-die encounter on Wednesday. ***June Navarro***

Triple Crown champs headline Lakambini race at Santa Ana

THE TRIPLE Crown winners will clash today in the P.8-M Philracom Lakambini at the Santa Ana Park.

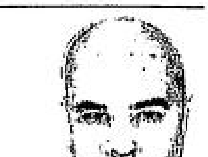
Leg winners Golden Ballet, Halo Effect and Magical Mark will attempt to score a decisive victory in the 1,800-meter track encounter in hopes of grabbing solo leadership for this year's three-year-old divisional title chase.

"We are extremely excited about the prospects of this featured rematch of Triple Crown headliners and look forward to supporting the staging of many more top money events featuring the country's leading gallopers," said Philracom Chair Andrew Sanchez.

Magical Mark, the decisive winner of the Horseman's Cup last month, looms as the slight favorite for having beaten Golden Ballet and Halo Effect in impressive fashion in the Ongpin Cup.

Gloria's choice

ONE WINNER



Edwin Villanueva

THE LONG wait is over as far as the leadership issue at the Philracom is concerned.

President Arroyo, according to my Malacañang Silip Boy, has already appointed a new set of officials to man the racing body.

And the President's choice to serve as the next Philracom chair is no less than sportsman-businessman Jimmy Dilag, a former pelotari who made his mark at the races as a respected horseowner and two-time racing commissioner.

Aside from Dilag, dubbed "Mr. Action Man" by Philracom employees dating back to his stint as commissioner during the term of the late Nicky Jacinto, President Arroyo also okayed a four-year term each for Eduardo "Bobok" Domingo Jr., Felizardo Sevilla, Roger Tandiama, Eddie Jose and Vergel Cruz as commissioners.

Save maybe for Domingo and Tandiama, *kareristas* know only a little about Sevilla, Jose and Cruz.

Can the new Philracom under Dilag give Philippine racing a refreshing boost?

As the *bayang kareristas* love to say: *Tingnan natin.*

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Ilocandia Slew is back!

Myther Buñag's prized filly showed no signs of rustiness following a two-month layoff as she humbled 2001 Triple Crown champion Silver Story in the Philracom Condition Race yesterday at the Santa Ana Park.

Ilocandia Slew was beautifully handled by her regular rider Jonathan Hernandez, the star jockey whom everyone tagged "malas" last Sunday.

"*Pampabalik bwenas yan kay* Unoh *at sana lahat ng karerista tumama kay* Ilocandia Slew," said Buñag, whose Myther and Friends was "flooded" with red wine again yesterday.

Congratulations, too, to George Cabreza, whose Roppongi was Ilocandia Slew's *kabit* in the DD combination 4-7 (Races 6 and 7).

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This afternoon's Lakambini Stakes shouldn't be missed.

And the best thing to do, says Howie Basilio, is to watch it live at the Santa Ana Park.

"*Pupunta ako sa* Santa Ana *para manood, maganda kasing karera yan*," said Howie, Winner's Circle Productions' "Mr. Analyst."

The Lakambini Stakes serves as a rematch between recent Triple Crown leg winners Golden Ballet (Cojuangco Cup), Halo Effect (Ongpin Cup) and Magical Mark (Horseman's Cup). Also running in the 1,800-meter contest are Dandansoy, Velocity and What a Spell.

My Silip Boy said Magical Mark of the mighty Hermie Esguerra Stable appears to have the slight edge. As *pang-dehado*, he'll add Sandy Javier's Dandansoy in his WTA lineup.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Cutting Edge/Sacred Hall 2. No Compromise 3. Queen Storm 4. Exchange Deal 5. Tochinic
Race 2—1. Nakagayak 2. Earl Gray
Race 3—1. Born Perfect 2. Strawberry's Wish 3. Express Strike 4. Agao Heats 5. Striking Abbey
Race 4—1. Hello Peter 2. Highly Connected
Race 5—1. Anytime Anywhere 2. Cherry Lane 3. Mr. Lucas 4. Thunder Fire 5. En Carta
Race 6—1. Hong Kong Treasure 2. Impeccable 3. Shuttle's Rianne 4. Roman Dance
Race 7—1. Marinela 2. Silver Gray 3. Better Harry 4. Cameron/Diligence 5. Stradivarius
Race 8—1. Magical Mark 2. Golden Ballet 3. Dandansoy
Race 9—1. Peek A Boo 2. Best of Times 3. Common Ground 4. Montpellier 5. Millennium Man
Race 10—1. Mica's Magic 2. Gintong Lahi 3. Kay Gee Em Ey
Race 11—1. Golden Tale 2. May's Magic 3. American Beauty 4. Power and Might
Race 12—1. Masagana 2. Spoiler 3. Terminal Bound 4. Bemedalled Ruler 5. Dragon Doding
Race 13—1. Red Anya 2. West Pointer 3. Tiger Eye 4. Loose Cannon 5. Jessie James
Race 14—1. Royal Bet 2. Two Thumbs Up 3. Zenie's Pride 4. Arya Girl 5. Photogenic 6. Queen of D Jungle

Naascu cagefest unwraps Aug. 20

GAMES TUESDAY
8 a.m.—Opening ceremonies
10 a.m.—UM vs. Univ. of Makati (S)
11:00 a.m.—Holy Angel vs. St. Clare (S)
1 p.m.—AUF vs AMA (S)
2:30 p.m.—Ateneo vs. PLP (S)
4 p.m.—St. Clare vs. UM (J)

THE NATIONAL Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) opens its second season on Aug. 20 with a five-game bill highlighted by the match between defending champion University of Manila and University of Makati at the Makati Coliseum.

Four other matches—three in the senior and one in the junior divisions—make up the busy schedule of the thriving athletic league which made a successful debut last year.

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay will be the guest of honor and speaker during the hour-long opening ceremony starting at 8 a.m.

Binay will also make the ceremonial toss, along with Philippine Basketball League commissioner Chino Trinidad, Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) president Tiny Literal, Naascu president Dr. Ernesto Jay Adalem of St. Clare College and Naascu adviser lawyer Ernesto delos Santos of UM.

The parade of teams and the selection of Ms Naascu are also included in the program.

Samboy, Pido power Hartman to victory

UNBEATEN Hartman Seigle and defending champion Spring Cooking Oil hurdled their respective rivals Friday to keep their 1-2 positions in the 4th Danny Espiritu Invitational Open Cup basketball tournament at the Lyceum gym.

Powered by former PBA stars Samboy Lim and Pido Jarencio, the H-S cagers nipped Cebu's ML Kuarta Padala, 69-67, while national shooting champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla's Spring squad trimmed another Cebu campaigner, M. Lhuillier, 87-81.

The wins boosted the records of H-S and spring to 6-0 and 5-1, respectively, in the eight-team tourney sponsored by Spring Margarine, Morning Star Tours and Travel, Red Bull, Talk N Text, Purefoods, SMB, Coca-Cola, Alaska Milk, Sta. Lucia Realty, Shell Ginera San Miguel and FedEx and supported by Milo, Adidas and Cebu Pacific.

Lhuillier and Kuarta Padala triumphed in their debut Thursday. Lhuillier downed Pasay Peewee Trinidad, 90-87, while Kuarta Padala ripped Forward Taguig, 90-79.

Action continues today at Lyceum gym with H-S facing M. Lhuillier at 6 p.m. and Homer Mercado Builders meeting ML Kuarta Padala at 7:30.

Pelicans score 4th triumph

GAMES TODAY
(Basketball, SSC Gym)
8 a.m. SSC vs. AC
9 a.m. MC vs DLSZ
10 a.m. DLSZ vs MC
11:50 a.m. MC vs RTU
1 p.m. Siena vs. EAC
2:30 p.m. CSB vs UA
(Volleyball, Lyceum)
8 a.m. SSC vs SSHS
9 a.m. AC vs SBC
10 a.m. SSHS vs SBC
12 n.n. SBC vs RTU
1:30 p.m. CSB vs SSC
3 p.m. EAC vs Lyceum
4:30 p.m. AC vs Siena

UNIVERSITY of the Assumption-Pampanga scored its fourth win yesterday, beating volleyball co-leader Lyceum of the Philippines, 25-17, 25-19, 21-25, 25-22, in the WNCAA-adidas tournament at the Lyceum Gym.

The UA Pelicans, second to the Lyceum Lady Pirates last season, now sport a 4-0 slate while their victims fell to 3-1.

With 2-0 records are Dela Salle Zobel and Assumption College in the high school level.

DLSZ downed Miriam College (0-1), 27-25, 17-25, 25-17, while AC whipped Angelicum College (0-2), 25-14, 25-17.

The 33rd WNCAA-adidas is being supported by RPN-9, dwRX 93.1, Don Henrico's Pizza, Avon and Elle. The official marketing group is Tactical Xperts Corp. and the official balls are Mikasa and Molten.

Over at the St. Scholastica's College gym, defending basketball champion College of St. Benilde likewise remained unbeaten yesterday after whipping Rizal Technological University, 92-22.

RTU now has a 1-3 card.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

ON July 6, 1995, the Games and Amusements Board revoked the license of Sunkist's Rudy Distrito for unsportsmanlike behavior. Distrito was sacked for a flagrant foul on a driving Jeffrey Cariaso of Alaska. The PBA had earlier suspended Distrito for the rest of the season

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PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Funk shows way as storm halts play

Hernandez rules Mid-Amateur tilt

LIPA CITY—Former internationalist Dave Hernandez, saving his best for last, sparkled with a 70 yesterday to rule the Championship Class in the first Active Group Mid-Amateur Open tournament here.

Hernandez, 48, who played in many Putra and Nomura Cups as a young man, pieced together nines of 36 and 34 to humble Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club's Lubo and Makulot courses and the field.

Together with his earlier efforts of 75 and 71, Hernandez came up with 216 to win by five shots in the tournament launched by MMGC Chair Tony Turalba for executives and businessmen aged 30 and older.

"It's great to play Mount Malarayat," said Hernandez after receiving his prize from Turalba. "Everything here is great, the greens, the fairways. And I feel great, too. I guess I just I played better than the other guys."

Two of these guys were Jinky Tuason of Sta. Elena and MMGC's Abe Avena, who also matched Hernandez's two under par effort to settle for second and third places with 221 and 222, respectively.

Another guy was Tommy Manotoc, 53, who closed out with 75 to place fourth at 224. Manotoc, the Calatagan general manager, shot a 73 to take the first day lead. But he made a 76 the next day to lose it to Hernandez.

Jun Bernis of Canlubang was fifth with 74-227, followed by teammate Rolly Viray 79-229, MMGC's Pitong Quiocho 73-231 and MMGC golf director Mike Carr 82-239.

"I would like to congratulate Dave for being our first champion, as well as the other winners," Turalba said.

RP, Singapore lady cue artists in dual tiff

IT'S the women's turn to show their skills and prowess in billiards when the best players from Singapore and the Philippines figure in a dual meet on Aug. 24-25 at the Orosa Atrium of Robinsons Place Manila.

Singapore will parade Amy Hoe, Charlene Chai, Eunice Tang, Jef Tan, Ong chew Hoon and Ho Feng Xia against the Philippines' Johanna Dee, Sheila dela Cruz, Nina Angeles, Rubilen Amit, Iris Ronda, Magda Say, Ruby Marces and Pinky Abad in the two-day event set from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The visiting cue artists are all veterans of various 9-ball, 8-ball snooker championships in Singapore.

The tourney will be hosted by the newly-organized Philippine Women Players on Cue (PWPC) and sponsored by Pagcor, Philippine Sports Commission, Brunswick, Bong Coo Sports Products Inc., Aramith, Simonis, Robinsons Place Manila, Coca-Cola, Hoopwear, Trapik.com, Grilla, Stars Venue, Express Card Business Station and Le Soleil de Boracay.

"This is the best time to show our countrymen, especially sports enthusiasts, that we also have talented women billiards players," says Tetchie Remondeulaz, PWPC vice president, general secretary; Evelyn Reyes, treasurer; Rhea Adam, press relations officer; Nancy Paguio, auditor: and Lou Bontogon, director.

The Singapore-RP duel will actually kick off the PWPC program, which aims to develop and promote billiards as a sport among women.

Among PWPC's objectives are: 1) to make Filipinos aware that we have qualified, determined and dedicated women billiards players who can excel in the sport; 2) to discover, develop and support young women billiards players who can represent the (association) and country in national and international competitions; and to provide facilities for training to ensure the growth of the sport.

SPORTSWATCH

Baguio City netter prevails

BAGUIO—Club netter Jimmy Tangalin edged Marvelous Cortez, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5, and Joselito Cortez scored a similar hard-earned 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 win past Juan Pocholo Macalino to gain their respective championship slots in the resumption of the typhooned-marred adidas Tennis Challenge 2002 her at the Burnham Park claycourts. Tangalin set-up a final match with Jandrick de Castro of La Salle-Greenhills, a 6-0, 6-1 victor over Ian Avila in the junior men's 21-under division; and Joselito arranged a showdown with Manila-based Akio Sy in the boys' 12-under bracket in the adidas netfest organized by CTW and supported by Milo and Sports Kids. Other finalists include De Castro against Daniel Macalino, who ousted Juan Detalla 6-0, 6-1 in the boys' 16-under class; Sy with Pochie Macalino in the unisex 10-under division; and Aileen Tereble against Rhea Fontanilla for the girls' 12-under trophy.

Payla reaches boxing semis; Camat falls

CAMAT

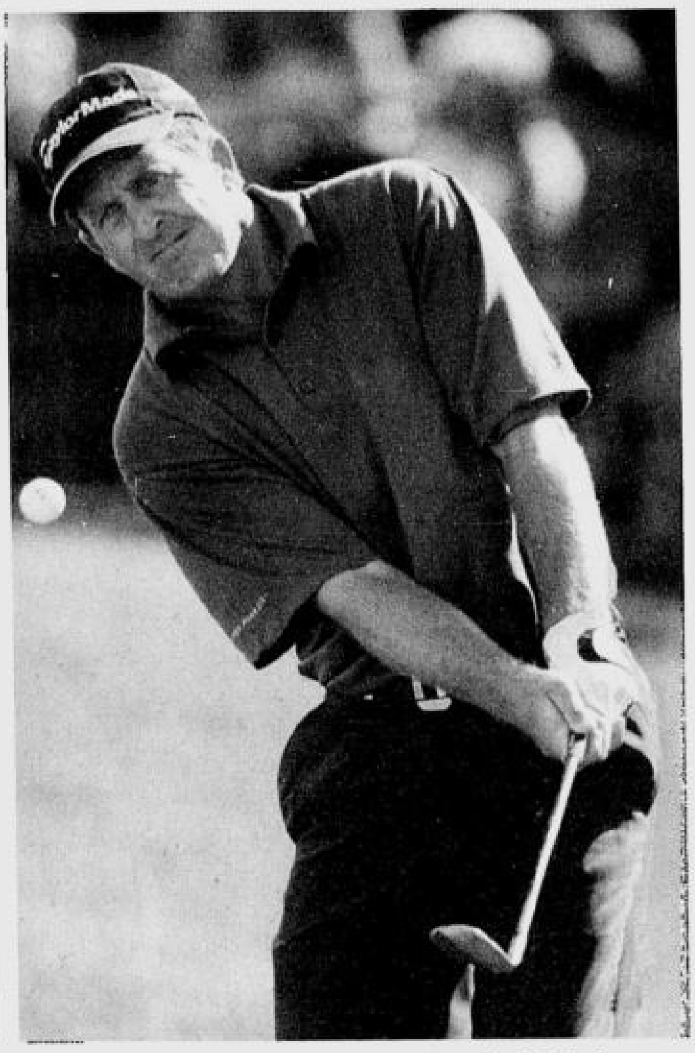
PYONGYANG—Flyweight Violito Payla made it seven-for-seven in the semis for Team Caltex Philippines in the Pyongyang International Boxing Invitational tournament here but featherweight Roel Laguna and light middleweight Christopher Camat absorbed contrasting losses to settle for the bronze medals in this compact but tough championships here. Payla, a 23-year-old armyman from Cagayan de Oro, toyed with Korean no. 2 Kim Chun Ho to hack out a 15-10 decision. The team, sent here by Caltex Philippines with support from the Philippine Sports Commission, Pacific Heights and Revicon for the Filipinos final international stint prior to the Asian Games, however, cut off its celebration when Laguna was booted out by Song Chol Nam.Camat absorbed a 17-12 loss from Tong Kil Hyo, who was repeatedly jarred by the Filipinos body blows throughout the four-round fight.

Roligon meet stakes P1-M purse

WITH the screening of Mimi Itchon and former mayor Juancho Aguirre working double overtime, a total of 60 game farms have been covered so far in connection with the 7-Stag National Derby on Sept. 2 and 4 at the Roligon Mega Cockpit. At stake in this derby is guaranteed pot of P1 million while entry fee is P18,000. The handler and gaffer's prize is P150,000. "Our target is produce 90 to 100 entries," derby hosts Danny Ty and lawyer Romero Yu said, adding that the 'showdown' stagfest, one of the longest-running in the country, attracts an average of 85 entries every year. Screening of stage is also set at the Roligon on Aug. 18, 25 and 31 and Sept. 1. For appointment on farm-to-farm screening, please contact 833-1628, 833-2275 and 851-0672 (Danny Ty).

Fistorama fights in Mandaue

SAN Miguel Beer's Fistorama today features lightweight division's Rodel Quilation against Roger Mananquil in 10 rounds. The fight was held recently in Mandaue City Sports Complex in a fight card promoted by Terry Carter. Fistorama, now on its second season, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9. It is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer.



FUNK chips to the green from the rough on the 18th hole. AP

Scooter race 6th leg on tap

A THREE-way battle among Ivan Santiago, Mark Barcial and Benjo Mendoza looms in the sixth leg of the 2002 Shell Advance Super Scooter Championships at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite this weekend.

Santiago and Barcial dominated two legs each, while Mendoza won one in the centerpiece expert open category in this annual event considered as the national scooter championships.

The three top riders are expected to figure prominently in the battle for top honors anew, along with two-time champion Jolet Jao and perennial contender Lucky Loya going into the final five legs of the event sponsored by Shell Advance Motorcycle Oils and sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa).

"We expect another battle royale this weekend. The riders are really trying to put up their best foot forward now in their bid to win the overall title," said well-known motorcross champion Ernie Leongson of the organizing E.L. Racing Technology.

Stags screening scheduled today

SCREENING of stags, eight to 10 months old, will be held today at the Mandaluyong Coliseum, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in connection with the annual "Richard L. Bates 7-Stag National Derby."

The two-day stagfest slated on Aug. 27 and 29 (Tuesday and Thursday) will be held by American breeder Richard L. Bates.

For appointment on farm-to-farm screening, interested parties may contact Bates at 0916-3156991, (046)-4140750, 824-0237 and 0916-3924512. Entry fee is P15,000 and minimum bet is P11,000.

Preparations are also underway for the "Ratratan 7-Stag Derby" on Sept. 3 and 5, with veteran cockers Ramon Mansenares and Muroy Dolorico as hosts. Interested parties may contact Mansenares at 0916-4960370 or 951-5078 (farm).

Las Piñas derby up

WITH eight more days to go before the big event, some 70 gamefowl breeders are all fired up to see action in the upcoming Las Piñas Cockpit Annual 5-Stag Derby on Aug. 26 and 28.

"This annual stagfest has a reputation for being one of the toughest in the national stag circuit. Out of 68 participants last year, only one emerged as champion," LPC manager Alex Tobias said, referring to the entry of Mayor Nene Aguilar.

Agular, who owns a seven-hectare gamefarm in Cavite, is well known for his superbly conditioned Hulsey Greys and Boston Pile lemons.

At stake in the derby is a guaranteed prize of P500,000 and three refrigerators for the champions while entry fee is P11,000. Every participant will receive P2,000 worth of first bet certificates from CF-Parañaque.

Screenings are held at the LPC office every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4p.m. Please contact 873-1040 and 871-4345 for appointment on farm-to-farm screening.

SPORTS ON TV

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GOLF: 2002 USPGA Championships, Final Round, tomorrow at 2 a.m. on sky and home cable 29

Senior PGA Ford Senior Players Championship, Third Round at 2 p.m. (r – 10:30 p.m.) on Star Sports

MOTOR SPORTS: 2002 F1 Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying at 11 a.m. (r), Race Day at 7 p.m., Hungarian Grand Prix at 7:45 p.m., Chequered Flag at 10 p.m. on Star Sports

SOCCER: English Premier Football League at 8:30 a.m. on Star Sports and 11 a.m. (r), 1:30 p.m., 8:55 p.m. and 11 p.m. on ESPN

CHASKA, Minnesota—Fred Funk was reluctant to leave Hazeltine National Golf Club when the storm arrived. He was holing every putt, slapping every hand, leading the PGA Championship and having the time of his life.

Wait until he sees what's in store when he comes back.

The forecast calls for strong wind, with gusts that could approach 40 mph.

"I think par will be about 78," Funk said Friday.

Making it even tougher are the cast of characters behind him — a collection of major championship winners, including Tiger Woods.

"I'm just trying to have a really good time and enjoy the moment, however long this lasts," said Funk, a 46-year-old with five PGA Tour victories, none of them even close to resembling a major. "If it last all the way to the end of Sunday, that's great."

The first step is finishing off the second round.

Funk charged up the galleries with one birdie after another, including one on the 636-yard third hole that put him at 8 under. He made his only bogey on No. 4, hitting out of the bunker to 3 feet and missing the putt.

Then, the siren sounded to stop play and Funk's day in the sun was over.

He was at 7-under par and has five holes to play when Funk and 40 others return to the course at 7:30 a.m. Saturday to finish the round.

Already in the clubhouse are Mark Calcavecchia, Retief Goosen, Justin Leonard and Rich Beem, all of them at 6-under 138. Lurking is Woods, who put together an early charge and was at 3 under with two holes to play. Ernie Els was another stroke behind. **AP**

Delasin falters

DOROTHY Delasin slid to a share of 20th place after a four-oer-par 76 Friday even as Jenny Rosales barely avoided the cut-off axe in the $1.2 million Bank of Montreal Canadian Women's Open at the Summerlea Golf and Country Club.

Starting the day just three strokes off the lead, Delasin saw that deficit doubled as she stood at 146 after 36 holes with Catriona Matthew (70), Gloria Park (71) and Michelle Ellis (71) leading at 140.

Rosales was lucky enough to make the cut, her eighth in her last nine tournaments, despite a 77.

Jong Arcano

Golfer shot dead

GOLFER Floro Nival passed away last night when an unidentified gunman sprayed his armalite rifle on a rest house inside the farm owned by his cousin, Caloy, in Malvar, Batangas.

Floro together with Caloy, a nephew and a farm aide, were loosening themselves up after dinner with a few rounds of beer after conducting a demo of the latest Callaway golf products in nearby Malarayat Golf Club when the shooting happened. Floro was dead on arrival at a Malvar hospital while his nephew was in serious condition.

Philippine golf circuit revival set tomorrow

REIGNING Philippine Open champion Rick Gibson will join tournament hosts First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Comelec chair Ben Abalos in an 18-hole fun event launching the revival of the Philippine professional golf circuit tomorrow (Aug. 19) at the west course of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Gibson, who is currently taking a break from the Japanese Tour, won the RP Open last month at Wack Wack east in what has so far been the highlight of a fruitful season where the Alabang resident is among the current frontrunners of the Asian Tour money list.

There are 40 amateurs coming from the organizing Federation of Golf Clubs Philippines, Inc. and the sports media who will form three-man teams with invited members of the Professional Golfers Association of the Philippines.

Arroyo and Abalos are the prime movers of the revived pro tour which will bring the country's play-for-money players to a tour.

Jong Arcano

Schilling reaches 20 wins

CHICAGO—Leave it to Sammy Sosa to spoil Curt Schilling's party.

Schilling became the season's first 20-game winner Friday afternoon, coming a Sosa homer away from a shutout as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1.

Maybe not, but everything else he threw was dazzling. Schilling (20-4) scattered six hits over 8 2/3 innings. He struck out 12 and walked none, and had retired 18 straight when Sosa came to the plate in the ninth. **AP**

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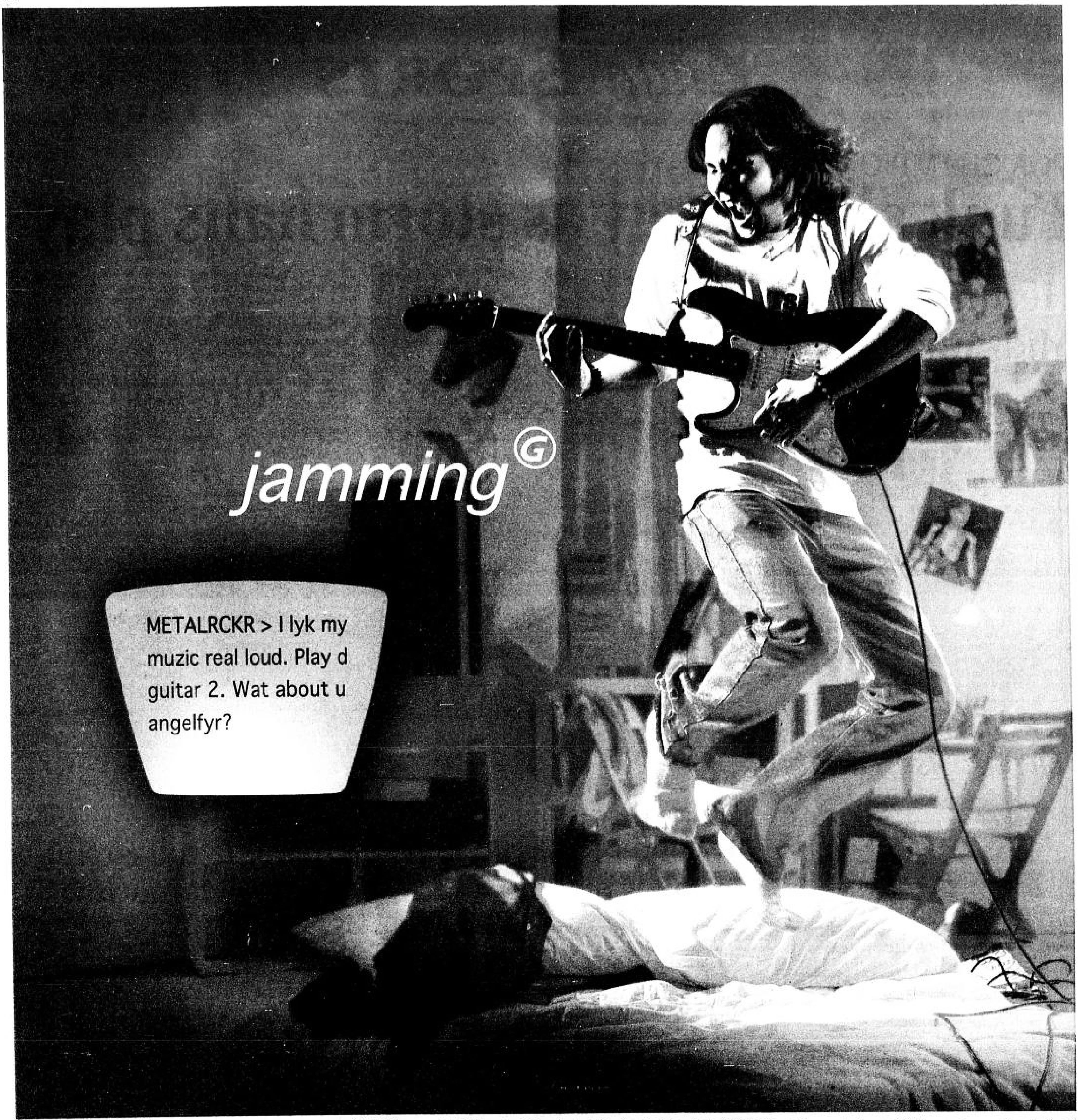

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■ 'Fire victims, injustice victims' A20

Editor Louie C. Camino

'No reason to annul Joey-Alma marriage'

By Michael Lim Ubac and Leah Salterio

WHILE HIS girlfriend Kris Aquino is taking "a break" in the United States, comedian and Parañaque City Mayor Joey Marquez has been told by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) that it does not see any valid reason for the annulment of his marriage to actress Alma Moreno.

There is no basis to sever the marital ties between Marquez and Moreno (real name, Venesa Lacsamana), the OSG said in an opposition filed with the Parañaque Regional Trial Court.

"Any doubt on the inviolability of the marriage arising from the failure of the petition to observe the . . . guidelines of the Supreme Court should be resolved in favor of the existence and continuation of marriage, and against its dissolution and nullity," said the OSG through Assistant Solicitor General Karl Miranda and

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Paquito Diaz arrested for drunken driving

DIAZ

By Tina Santos

CALOOCAN CITY police yesterday morning arrested character actor Paquito Diaz (real name Francisco Diaz) for allegedly driving while under the influence of liquor.

Diaz, a resident of Pasig City, was later released after his drunkenness had

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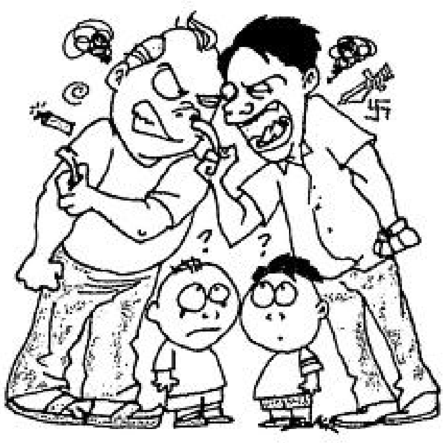

Boy bites boy instead of burger

By Alcuin Papa

A CHILDREN'S fight in a Jollibee branch in Quezon City is threatening to grow into a court battle between their families.

Two men and their sons on Friday night went to the Central Police District Station 10 to file complaints against each other.

Police identified the men as Danilo Ragas, 52, of Sampaguita Subdivision, Novaliches, Quezon City; and Benhur Aniceto, 27, a personnel of the Philippine Ports Authority and resident of Pateros.

According to the investigation by SPO4 Edmund Senido, the two men were ordering food at the counter of the Jollibee branch on Quezon Avenue after leaving their sons in the children's playground that is part of the establishment.

The investigator said that while they were in the playground, Aniceto's 5-year-old son bit Ragas' 3-year-old son who promptly started wailing.

When his father came to his side, the three-year-old pointed to the other boy, whom Ragas started to berate.

Aniceto came and Ragas turned his anger at him, the investigator said. The two fathers argued and nearly came to blows, but they decided to go to the police.

As of press time, the two men have not settled their differences and have threatened to sue each other.

Former mailman now delivers selling success

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

BAUTISTA

TENACIOUS aptly describes Francisco Bautista.

Instead of relying on a university degree or connections with the powerful, Bautista depended on a no-retreat, no-surrender attitude to get ahead in life. And he did get ahead, graduating from being a houseboy to a mailman for Philam Life earning P40 a month.

"I was a casual worker in those days, working only two weeks in a month," the native of Lipa, Batangas recalls of his mailman's job.

But he did the job for about 20 years, except for a short break when he worked in the mail center of Aramco in Saudi Arabia. Being a naturally friendly man made it easy for *Mang Kiko* to get to know the residents of his beat as a mailman.

TALES OF THE CITY

"Those were the days when the postman was one of the most awaited people in the village," he says. "People would always wait for

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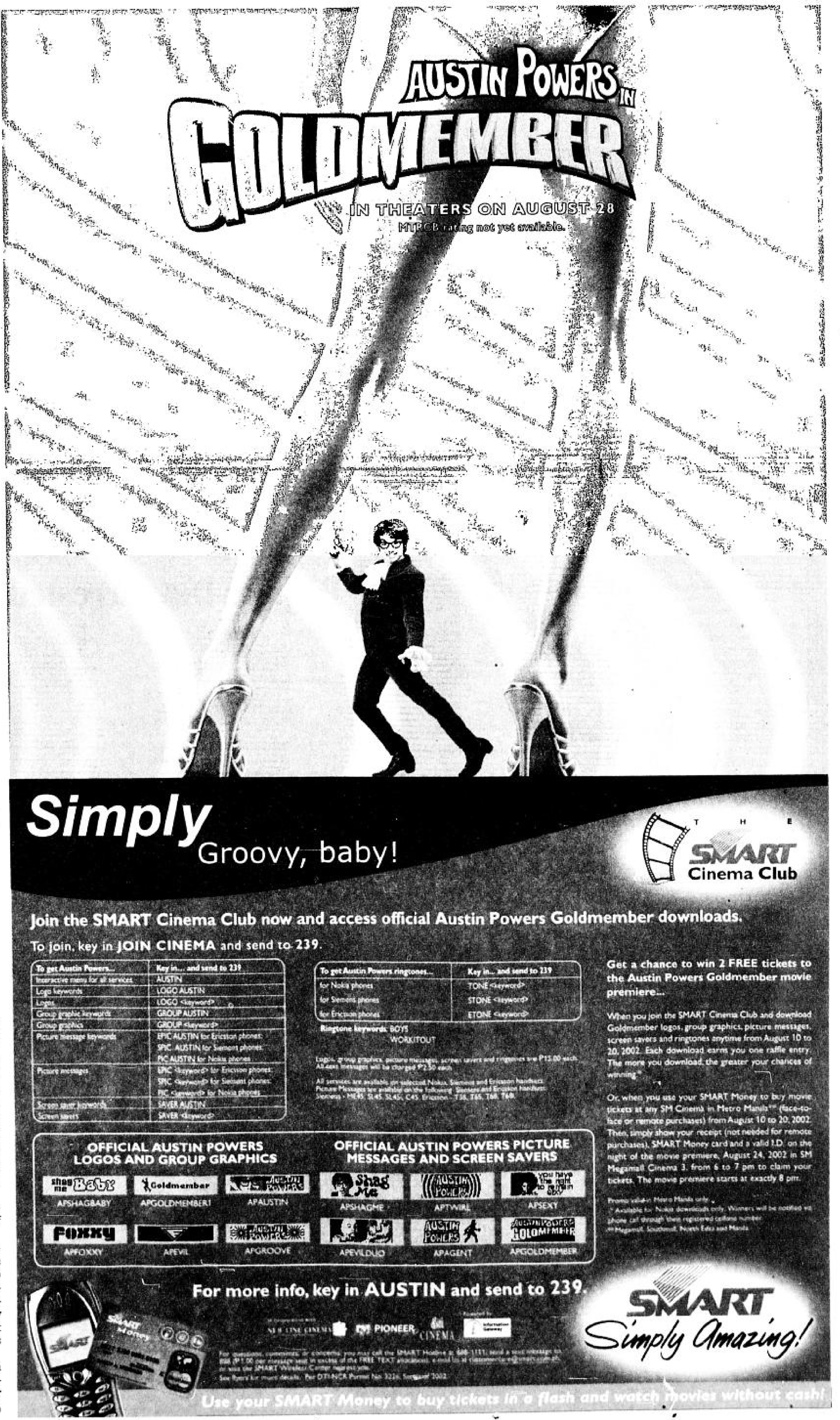

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‘Fire victims, injustice victims’

By Alcuin Papa

EMOTIONAL anguish caused by the slow-turning wheels of justice is taking its toll on the survivors and relatives of victims of the fire that hit the Manor Hotel in Quezon City a year ago today.

According to Bishop Ric Barcellona, chair of the Christian Movement for Justice and Righteousness of the Philippines, some of the families of survivors and victims are now fighting among themselves over the meager donations reaching them.

"The wheels of justice are grinding so slowly and many of the families of the victims are facing emotional and financial problems already," Barcellona told the INQUIRER.

He said the disbursement of donations from the Philippine Christian Evangelical Churches (PCEC), a group composed of different Christian groups in the country, is so disorganized that not all the funds are reaching the victims and their families.

He blamed this on the refusal of the PCEC to course the funds through his group. "As far as I know, not all the families are getting their share of the donations," he said. "Some of the families are getting frustrated and impatient because the funds meant for us don't come on time, if they come at all. So they decided to form other groups.

"A lot of people are taking advantage of the funds and a lot of them are not victims, nor are they even related to the victims," Barcellona revealed.

He himself lost his 26-year-old son Richard and six members of his God's Flock Ministry in the fire.

Members of his flock from Sta. Rosa, Laguna, had stayed at the hotel to attend a ministry celebration at the Araneta Coliseum.

Lawyer Roberto Barrales, one of the lead counsels of the victims, also denounced the hotel owners for refusing to indemnify the families of the victims.

"They are so hard to deal with," he said, referring to the owners.

Named respondents in the case were William Genato, his wife Rebecca, Porfiro Germina, Marion Fernandez, Dionisio Cua Arengino and Antonio Beltran—all incorporators of the company that owned Manor Hotel.

Barcellona said families of victims from Sta. Rosa, Laguna will quietly observe the anniversary today in memory of their lost loved ones.

At least 81 people died in the dawn fire that razed the hotel on Aug 18, 2001. Nine of them died later in hospitals.

Most of the victims were members of different born-again Christian groups who attended a three-day conference of a US-based evangelist.

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The ‘hot pursuit’ policy

By Candido P. Filo,
Contributor

AS A professinal military officer, I used to bewail the **militarized mind**—as opposed to the **military mind** (Alfred Vagts)—as the bane of Philippine society. But when I became consultant to the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) in July 2000, I saw that there was something more insidious: police mentality!

I wrote a short piece on this, which was published in Agfo News last September 2001. But the article got me into trouble with the PPSC.

When I dropped in at the college late in November 2001, I was informed that college president P/Gen. Ramsey Ocampo, vice president for administration Archimedes Piga, and public information officer Mrs. Bing Sumagaysay had declared war on me because of my publication.

"So be it," I said then. "If you three are at war with me, my only recourse is to defend myself. And I believe that the best defense is offense!"

Accordingly, I have started writing a book, "The Ramsey-Pica-Bing Mentality: Not Necessarily of the Police?"

Bing also told me that the PPSC was filing a formal letter of complaint with the association. But if it was filed at all, Agfo president Gen. Ernesto Gidaya must have thrown the communication into the wastebasket, because I have not been informed about it.

The police mentality really amazes me. Now, the whole country is talking about the case of two robbers who were recently killed by Sonny Parsons in Marikina. It appears that the police has charged Parson with double murder and frustrated murder.

To begin with, there is the classic military principle that "the best defense is offense." But are these police officers not familiar with the principle of "hot pursuit"? If they are, Mr. Parsons should be sporting a medal by now, instead of preparing for a court trial.

The principle of "hot pursuit" in the case of Parsons is just one of the provisions in the "rules of engagement" (not the movie) promulgated by the International Court of Justice in Geneva, Switzerland. The only principle that could have take precedence over this is that of the "sanctuary." In any case, military and police officers have to be familiar with these rules.'

I worked as guest researcher at the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Norway so I had the chance to look into the rules of engagement.' I wish our police officers had the same experience so they can shed their police mentality and be more knowledgeable about matters that concern their work.

I have good news for General Ocampo. I should not have written about police mentality. I should have written about the police mind—as a counterpart of the military mind. But while the latter constitutes positive military thinking that has produced those effective and efficient—as well as progressive—systems which are being emulated by civilians, the former is simply empty.

(The author is a retired colonel of the Philippine Army, and a retired professor of the University of the Philippines.)

METROBRIEFS

Gang-raped

SEVEN men allegedly gang-raped a high school teener who passed out after drinking something from a bottle that was apparently laced with liquor and shabu in Caloocan City, police said. The 17-year-old, who is a member of the Iglesia ni Cristo, filed the rape complaint at the office of Supt. Enrique Robles, chief of Caloocan police sub-station 4. The girl, a first year high school student at Camarin High School, led police to two of the suspects: a 17-year-old, and Bernarndo Lorenzo, 18, both students and residents of Camarin. Police are looking for the other men who had since gone into hiding. They were identified as Noel dela Cruz, 18, Manny Cababar, 19, Jay Medina, 18, and two more 17-year-olds. SPO4 Marilou Rheberg said the girl had just attended a service at an INC temple in their neighborhood when she decided to watch a basketball game with San Jose, said to be her suitor, on the night of Aug. 7. The girl said after she took the laced drink, she felt dizzy and lost consciousness. Police said the 7 young men brought her to an undisclosed place where they took turns in raping her. *Tina Santos*

‘She’s my wife!’

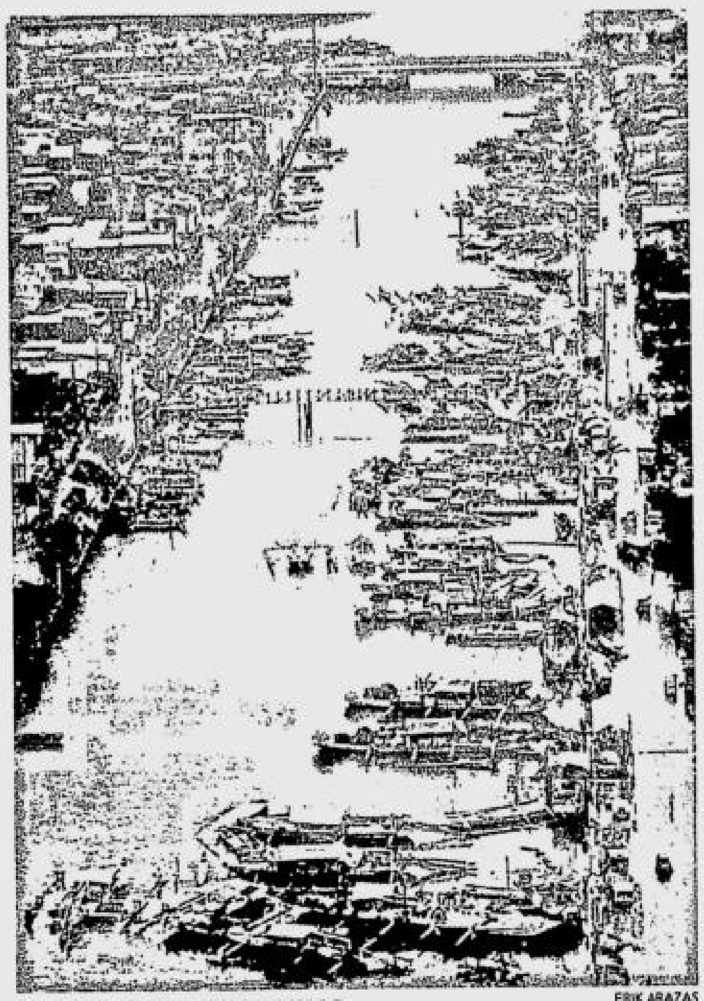
POLICE arrested Jonathan Inocencio alias 'Bokbok' a few hours after he allegedly raped a 31-year-old woman in Makati City early yesterday morning. Reports show the woman was talking to a co-worker when the suspect came by and greeted the co-worker, who happened to know Inocencio. The victim told police that when she left the office at 1:30 a.m. yesterday, she saw Bokbok on a bicycle following her. When she was about to cross the street, Inocencio grabbed her and dragged her toward D. Gomez Street. She said she shouted for help, but he told bystanders that she was his wife. Inocencio then threatened to kill her with a knife. Later, the suspect punched her in the stomach and rammed her head on a wall before raping her. The victim told police that the suspect smelled of alcohol when he was raping her. *Leila Salaverria*

Worker shot dead

THREE bullets in the face was what worker Philip Maniego got after he tangled with some neighborhood toughies in Quezon City Friday night. Maniego, 34, of Barangay Commonwealth, was shot dead by two men identified only as "Rodel" and "Junjun," according to a report of the Central Police District's criminal investigation unit. Maniego's wife Arlene told police she was tending to her chores at home when she heard successive shots outside at about 8:30 p.m. When she went out to check, she saw her husband lying on his back. *Alcuin Papa*

Vendor ‘salvaged’

THE BODY of Ronald G. Buce, a *kikiam* vendor, bore a placard around its neck when it was found on Friday. "Poor students, I'm a robber, RIP," was written on the placard in Filipino. Police said Buce, 20, of Rizal Street, Tondo, Manila, was a victim of summary execution. Detective Virgo Villareal of the Western Police District said Philippine General Hospital security guard Florante Evan found the body in a sitting position on the sidewalk outside the University of the Philippines College of Medicine on Pedro Gil Street at 3:45 a.m. Friday. Members of Buce's family went to the WPD headquarters Friday afternoon after they saw his body on TV, Villareal said. The victim's mother Violeta told police that her son was not a member of any street gang and that he usually stayed at home to tend to his *kiklam* store *Philip Tubeza*



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SMALL CRAFT WARNING
Whenever weather forecasters warn of a typhoon approaching, which is often these days, boats large and small tie up close to each other and to the banks of the Tondo, Manila portion of the Pasig River, ready to weather the rains and the winds.

Dad wants special unit on domestic violence

By Jerome Aning

MANILA COUNCILOR Don Ramon Bagatsing on Friday urged the city police to create a special unit to deal with the rising number of cases of abused spouses.

Bagatsing said the Western Police District should not only arrest abusers but also deal with the traumatized victims and help prevent domestic violence.

"The city government alone cannot stop domestic violence," he said. "The police and entire community must be committed to stop it."

He said in a proposed resolution that the WPD, with the help of concerned city government agencies, should lead in assisting victims of domestic violence.

He said there should also be follow-up investigations and referrals to support networks to ensure that the victim and the victim's family could get back on their feet.

Under the current setup, cases of abused spouses and children are referred to the WPD's women and children's protection units.

Bagatsing wants the DVU to operate 24 hours, manned by competent policemen and supported by the community to ensure the speedy arrest of domestic abusers.

LP conducts study on drainage

LAS Piñas City Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar has created a team led by city engineer Rose Bantog to conduct a study and to come up with a blue print on a comprehensive drainage system for the city.

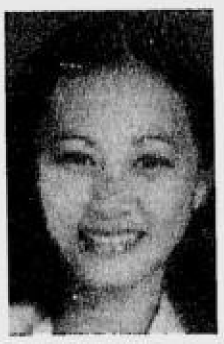
Aguilar's move is part of his plan for an efficient drainage system to eventually free Las Piñas from floods.

He cited several development works and unchecked constructions in the past which have affected or blocked the city's drainage system.

Aguilar specifically instructed the study team to make a detailed plan of waterways and drainage channels which would be coordinated and connected with nearby towns and cities.

Aguilar also lauded city engineer Bantog and the city engineering department for regularly declogging the city's drainage system during the rainy season.

Robi Jade, 16, is missing



MERCADO

ROBI Jade Mercado, 16, of 44 St. Mark St., Perpetual Village, Las Piñas City, has been missing since July 22, 2002.

She stands 4-foot-11 and has shoulder-length hair. She was last seen wearing a brown T-shirt and blue jeans.

Any information on her whereabouts can be relayed to Senior Inspector Marilyn Samarita, chief of the Women and Children Protection Desk, Las Piñas City, 874-0904, or to her father Ronnet Mercado at (0916) 822-4815.

Paquito Diaz arrested . . .

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subsided, police said.

Insp. Maner Orang, chief of the Police Community Precinct (PCP) 8, said that at 4:55 a.m., policemen on board a mobile unit noticed a Mitsubishi Pajero (MJH 176) zigzagging on Samson Road.

The patrolling cops ordered the driver to pull over only to find out that Diaz, well known for portraying villain roles in movies including those of Fernando Poe Jr., was the man behind the wheel.

The policemen brought Diaz to the police community precinct on Sangandaan Street. They reportedly gave the actor a cup of coffee and then released him without booking him for drunk driving.

But Diaz went straight to the Caloocan police headquarters' station investigation division and filed a complaint against the policemen, accusing them of blocking his path for no apparent reason. The policemen were not immediately identified.

Diaz also accused them of taking his Nokia 5110-I cell phone.

Former mailman now delivers . . .

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their mail, so I was quite well known among them."

After years of being a mailman, he eventually doubled as a sales agent for a new subsidiary, Philam Plans, in 1990.

"I realized that there were two types of income— fixed income and unlimited income," he says. "I was earning a small salary, so I decided I would work to earn unlimited income."

His first commission as a sales agent was a whopping P13, but it made him realize that he could earn more if he worked more.

He was Philam Plans sales counselor from 1990 to 1992. In 1993 he was promoted to unit manager and in 1994 to agency manager.

Only three years later, he became the number one agency manager. His own sales force, Maligaya Agency Bautista and Associates, was bringing in the biggest most to Philam Plans.

Bautista says years of working as a postman came in handy for him because the people he used to deliver mail to became his first Philam recruits.

He also included his six sons and one daughter in the organization. They were professionals but he wanted them to work for themselves instead of working for other people, he says.

Today, Bautista says he earns a seven-digit salary in a year.

He attributes much of his consistent performance to his recruitment skills. He widened his circle, going beyond the boundaries of Lipa to Metro Manila and even Hong Kong, Israel and Italy.

"I get people through referrals and good old fashioned hard work," he says.

On the average, he says, only one out of every 10 people you approach would either be a recruit or would buy either a pension, education or memorial plan.

"But when I get that one, I feel like a winner and I look for the next one. It is like courtship. You will not be able to convince the person in just one conversation. It takes some time and you have to really keep at it."

.Philam Plans has used Bautista's success formula in many of its selling campaigns. Meanwhile, the former houseboy and mailman continues to earn unlimited income.

‘No reason to annul Joey-Alma marriage’

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Solicitor Cezar Segovia.

Marquez told the INQUIRER yesterday afternoon: "If the couple has no respect anymore for each other, even the children will be affected. It's pointless to try to bring them together again.

"It's easy to say everything will be okay when nothing happened to you and your own family," he said. "Would they rather see a family that will never be a family again than parents who lead separate lives, have agreed to move on and are responsible for their children?"

The OSG also defended Moreno, saying she had not forgotten her marital and parental responsibilities. "Respondent still sleeps in their conjugal home whenever she can, the latest being on July 2, 2002," it said in the opposition.

Marquez, 42, sought to annul his 12-year marriage to Moreno, 43, after he reportedly found that she had a 31-year-old boyfriend based in Cebu City. Soon after their breakup, he started going out with Aquino, the youngest daughter of the late Sen. Benigno Aquino and former President Corazon Aquino.

The annulment case is now being handled by Parañaque RTC Branch 260 Judge Helen Ricafort.

In his April 18 petition, Marquez claimed that Moreno was indifferent and hostile to him and their children. "She would always be out with her friends to party and drink (and) to find ways to avoid joining her family in their outings."

He said Moreno was a spendthrift "and emptied the bank account" he had opened for her.

"Things came to a head in January 2002 when (Moreno), despite her much publicized sickness (multiple sclerosis), continued her lavish partying with friends and unnecessary spending," Marquez's petition said.

But the OSG said these were not "serious grounds" to declare that Moreno is suffering from psychological incapacity.

It said the Family Code confined the meaning of psychological incapacity "to the most serious cases of personality disorders clearly demonstrative of an utter insensitivity or inability to give meaning and significance to their marriage."

Reacting to the OSG position, Marquez said in a phone interview: "It's easy for them to tell us to patch up because what happened to us hasn't happened to them."

Marquez denied that he flew to Los Angeles yesterday to follow Aquino. He said he only went to Cebu to attend the anniversary of Ratsky's, the restaurant-bar owned by the Santiago brothers, Randy, Rowell and Raymart.

Aquino left Monday night for Los Angeles. Moreno confronted her at the Asian Hospital in Muntinlupa where Marquez had been confined last week.

Marquez said he really planned to go to the United States, "as soon as Kris arrives."

"I don't have any travel order so I can't just leave the country," he said. "I will have to file a leave with the DILG."

David Pomeranz returns to Manila

THE KING of ballads David Pomeranz is back in the OPM circuit with his latest song, "Devoted To You," culled from his album, "On This Day," under PolyEast Records/MCA Universal. The song is a rehashed version of a hit by the Everly Brothers during the '50s.

"Devoted To You" was released on 45 rpm single in 1958 and catapulted the Everly Brothers' music career to stardom. The song stayed on Billboard Magazine's Top 40 hits for 11 weeks.

"Devoted To You" has always been one of Pomeranz's favorites that inspired him to write love songs.

Eyeing again for the number one spot in the Philippine music chart, Pomeranz is now in the country to promote his latest single.

His fans can catch him in special interviews in local and cable channels—MYX on SkyCable, Net 25, RPN 9, Link TV, NBN 4 and GMA 7.

Pomeranz will also do a radio tour in 97.1 dwLS-FM, 93.9 IFM, 102.7 Star-FM, 101.1 Yes-FM, K91 FM, 96.3 dwRock, Kool 106 and in Mar de Guzman Cruz's "Showbiz Power" on dzXL.

Pomeranz's second album in Manila, "On This Day," has spawned two smash hits—"Until I Fall in Love Again" and the title track.

'Beauty Plus'

WANT to know how and when to use the array of silverware laid on the dinner table especially in classy restos and five-star hotels? Then, you must watch out for this Sunday's episode of "Beauty Plus," the PMPC Star Awards for TV 2001 Best Lifestyle Show awardee produced and hosted by Ricky Reyes.

The very conversant and chic Ms. Olen Lim will discuss Table Manners When Dating in her segment "Straight from the Expert." Ms. O, as friends fondly call her, gives helpful tips on social graces every week.

Grace Gupana in "Beauty and Business" will introduce a herbal capsule extracted from the bitter fruit *ampalaya* called ABS. The capsule according to its users doesn't only cure some illnesses. It is likewise a beauty aid.

For gourmets, the chef from Star Trak Restaurant will share his recipe "Tenderloin Tip Delight."

In the much-awaited portion "Make Over" hosted by Ricky himself, sweet and shy model Letty Vergara takes delight in her new look. With different hair-style and make-up, the conservative Ms. Vergara discovers she can be as glamorous as the various show business personalities and countless socialites who frequent Ricky Reyes Salons all over the country.

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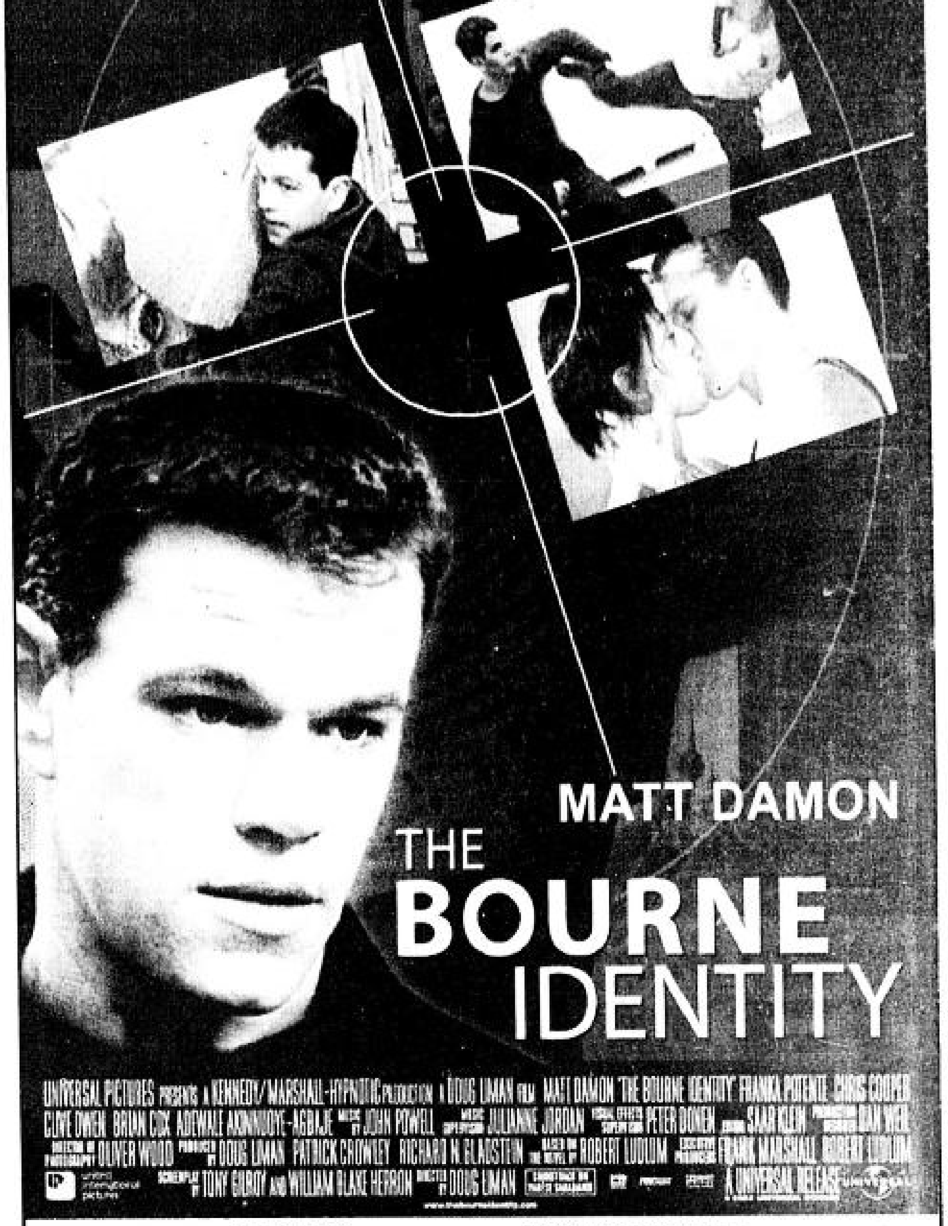

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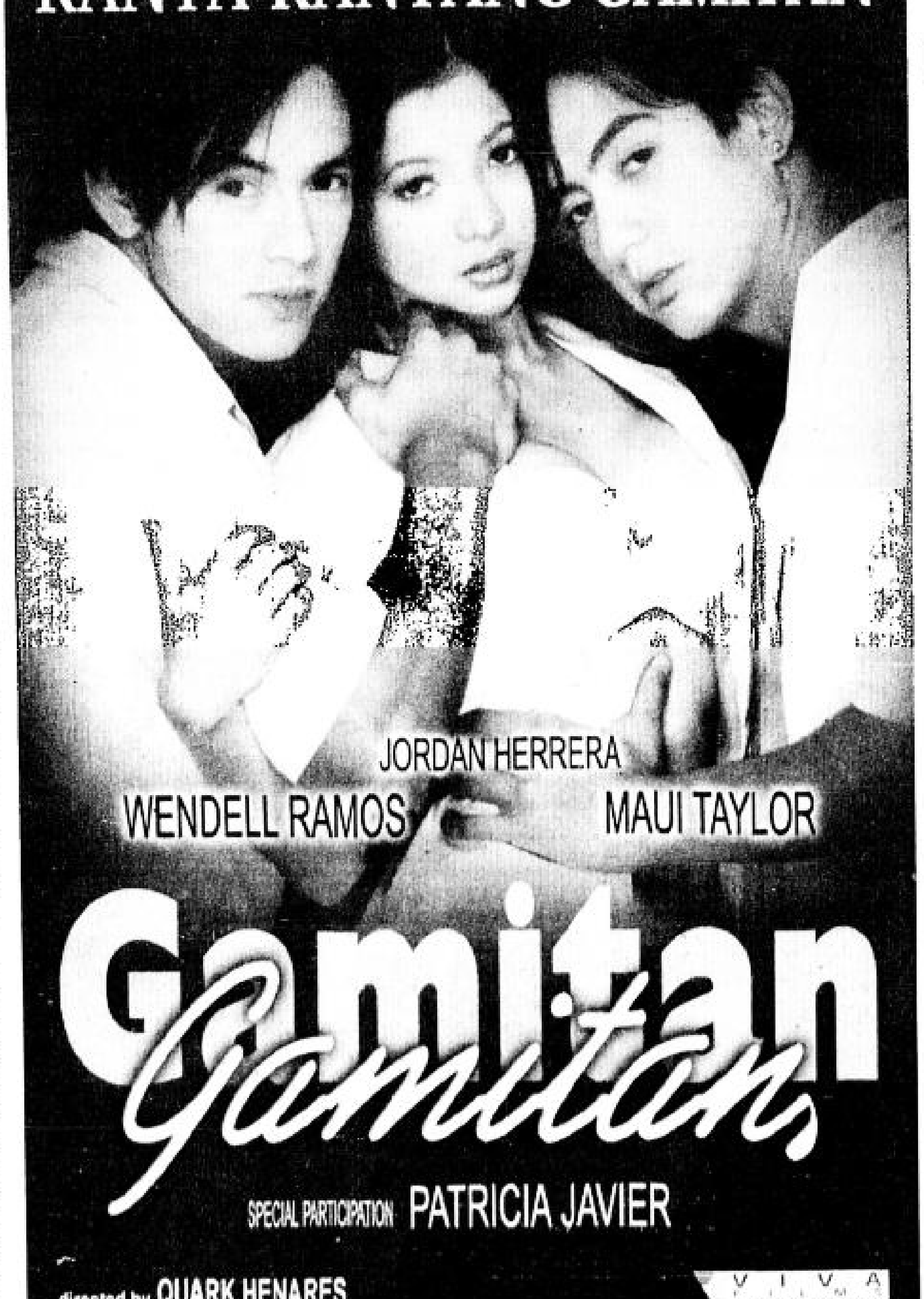

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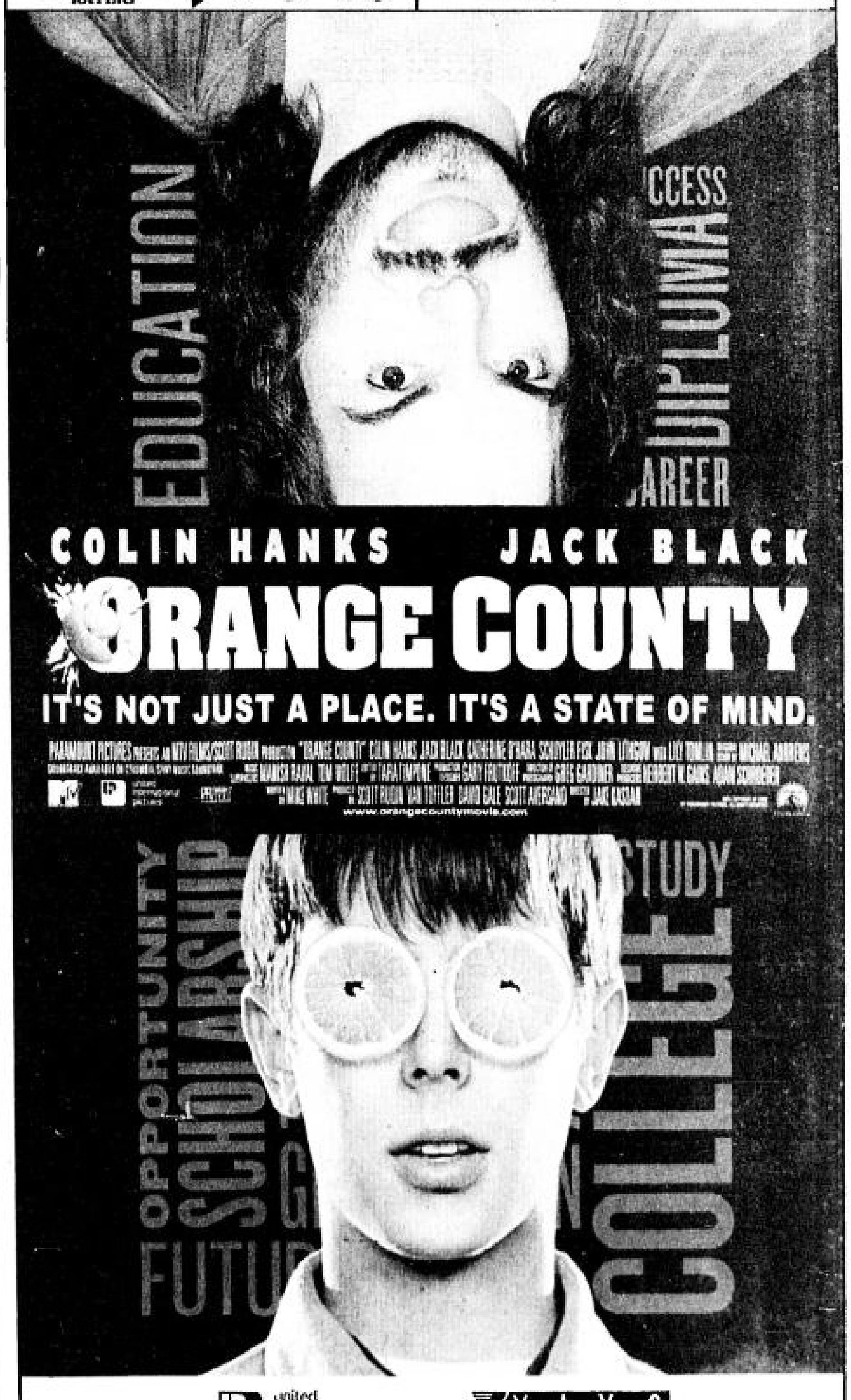

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p.m.; and "Daddy Knows Best," with Dolphy, **Nova Villa**, Maricel Soriano, Snooky Serna, **Albert Martinez** and **Manilyn Reynes**, 7 p.m.

Piolo and Max's

EVEN if the movie that launched his film career is the sexy drama "Lagarista," **Piolo Pascual** has maintained a wholesome image as an actor. He has been paired with the likes of Maricel Soriano, **Joyce Jimenez** and **Judy Ann Santos**. He is now filming Chito Roño's period flick, "Dekada '70," where he works with Vilma Santos.

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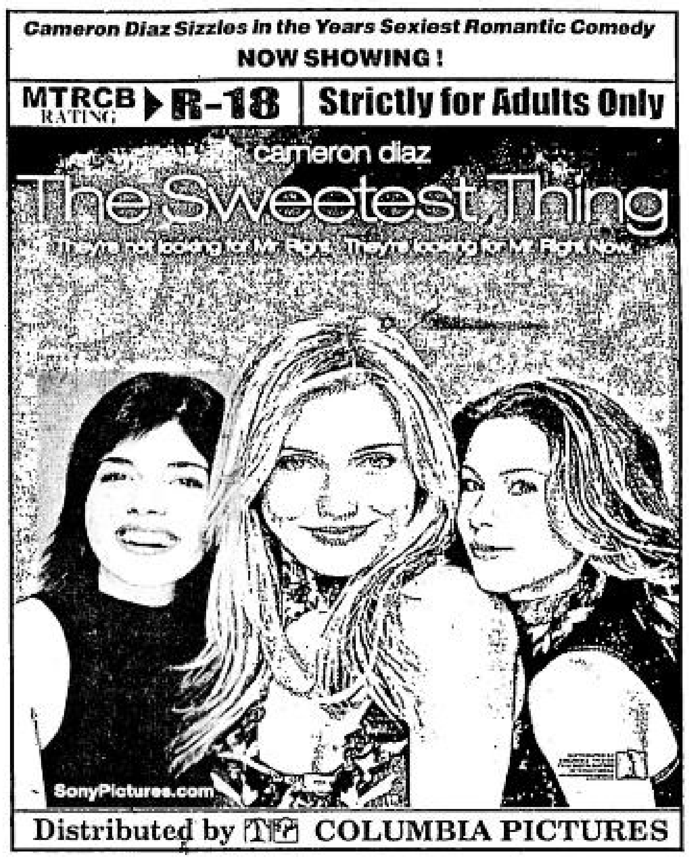
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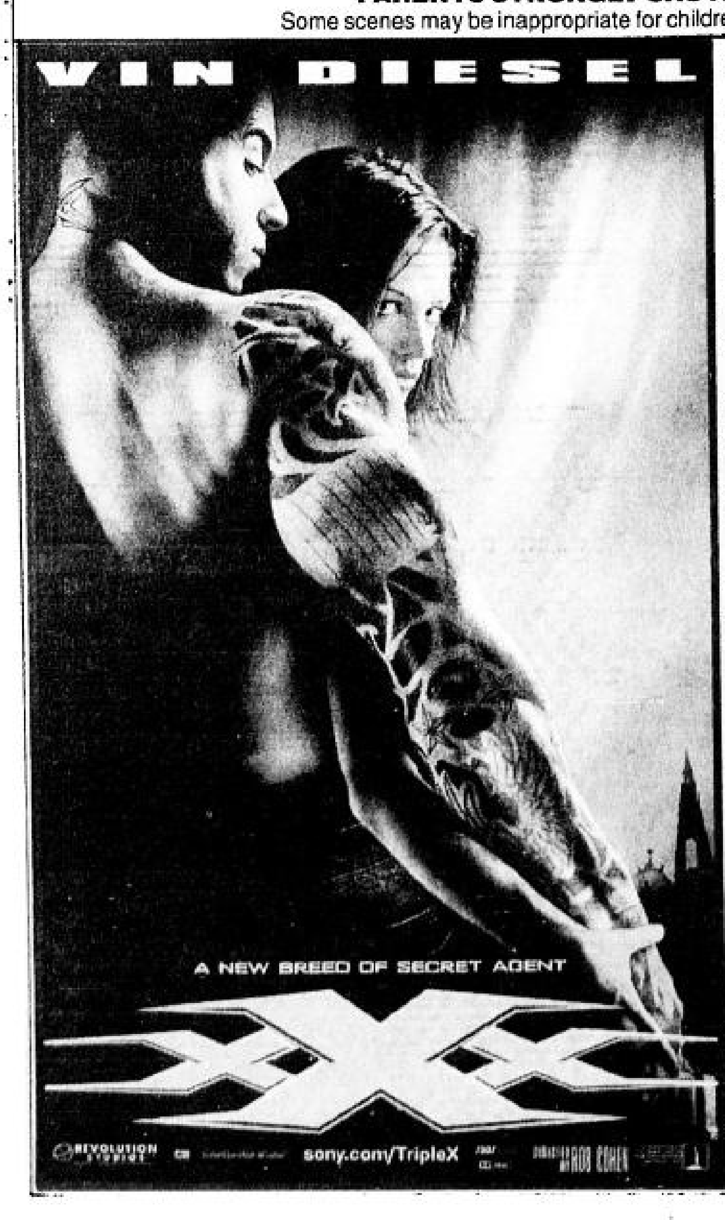

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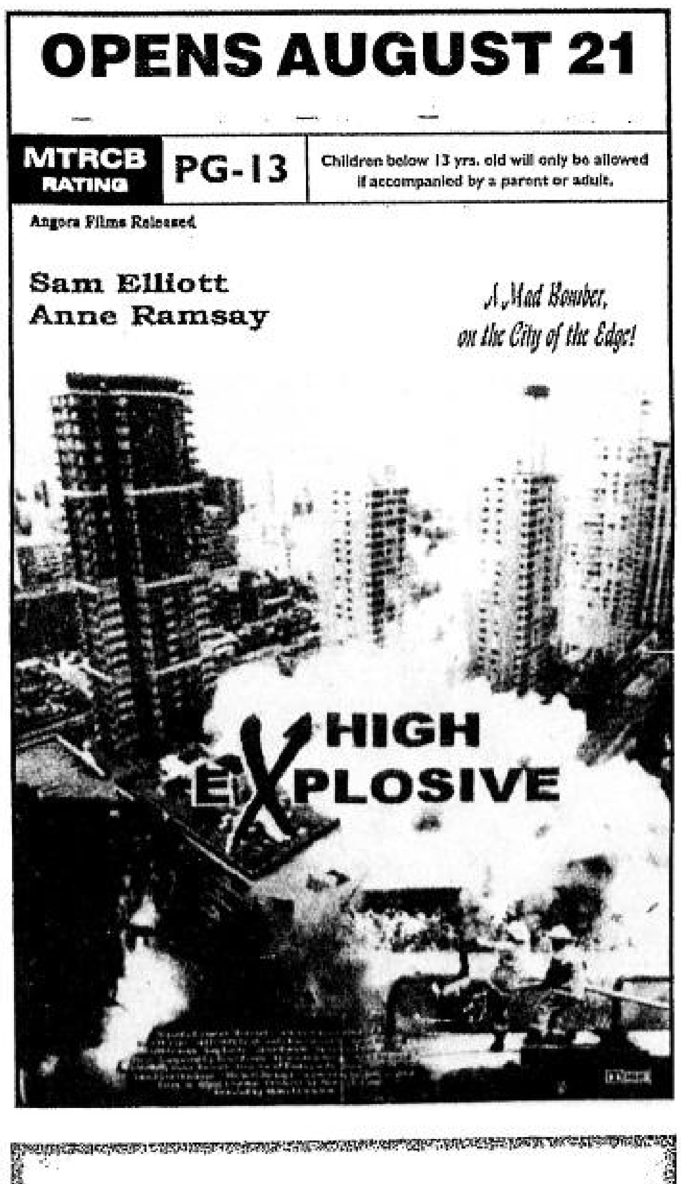
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Film industry, academe pay tribute to 'Facifica Falayfay' director

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

LONG before I was born, **Chaning Carlos** was already making a name for himself in Philippine cinema, starting as a scriptwriter and moving on to directing films and discovering stars.

He directed more than a hundred comedies, making him one of the pillars of Filipino comedy movies. Nearly 30 of these star the king of comedy, **Dolphy**, one of his favorite stars.

Carlos discovered **Ronaldo Valdez, Dante Rivero, Roderick Paulate, Maricel Soriano** and the late **Ricky Belmonte.**

He directed the first movies of **Richard Gomez** ("Inday Bote"), **Aiza Seguerra** ("Wake Up Little Suzie") and **Matet de Leon** ("Inday, Inday sa Balitaw").

On Tuesday, the UP Film Center and Almost Famous Events Organizing International will host a tribute to Carlos at the UP Film Center in Diliman, Quezon City, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The highlight of the program is the screening of Regal Films' first production, "Magsikap: Kayod sa Araw, Kayod sa Gabi" (1976) at 8 p.m.

Dolphy will lead the luminaries from show biz and the academe who will honor Carlos. The others include UP Film Center founding director **Virginia Moreno**, Regal Films matriarch **Lily Monteverde** and director **Carlitos Siguion-Reyna.**

Carlos started as a scriptwriter for Sampaguita Pictures in 1951. His first movie writing job was "Huling Patak ng Dugo," which starred **Pancho Magalona** and **Alicia Vergel.**

In 1954, Carlos became the first Filipino to win the Golden Harvest Award for the screenplay of "American Wife," which starred **Oscar Moreno** and **Joan Page** for Sampaguita Pictures.

In 1964, Carlos directed his first movie, "Eddie Loves Suzie," starring **Susan Roces** and **Eddie Gutierrez.**

Carlos has worked with some of the biggest stars of local cinema, including **Susan, Amalia Fuentes, Nida Blanca, Fernando Poe Jr., Vilma Santos, Nora Aunor, Tirso Cruz III, Maricel Soriano** and **Aga Muhlach.**

Carlos founded RVQ Films with Dolphy in 1968 and worked at the helm of Dolphy's classic comedy, "Facifica Falayfay," based on **Mars Ravelo**'s *komiks* story. The film was released in 1971.

In 1974, Carlos founded Regal Films with Mother Lily and also directed the outfit's first movie. He went on to direct majority of Regal's movies from the early '80s to the early '90s.

In 1975, Carlos won a best screenplay award for "Bato Bato sa Langit," which marked the first teamup of Nora Aunor and **Christopher de Leon.**

Carlos is proud about his other classics like "Arizona Kid," written by the late **Lino Brocka.** The film was produced by **Cirio Santiago** and was shot in Madrid.

Carlos' last directorial job was the **Eddie Garcia** starrer, "Nagmumurang Kamatis," shown in 1996.

Carlos was also an actor. He played the gay best friend of Dolphy in "Markova" and was also in "Warat" and "Scorpio Nights 2."

Although he is no longer active as a director, *Direk* Chaning remains a revered figure in the film industry.

The UP Film Center will also screen other Chaning Carlos films for two days after the tribute:

Aug. 21 (Wednesday)—"Portrait of My Love" starring Susan Roces and Eddie Gutierez, 4 p.m. and "Ride On Baby," with **Tito, Vic** and **Joey**, Maricel Soriano and **Dina Bonnevie, Snooky Serna** and **Manilyn Reynes**, 7 p.m.

Aug. 22 (Thursday)—"Jamboree '66," starring **Rosemarie Sonora, Blanca Gomez, Bert Leroy Jr., Pepito Rodriguez,** 4

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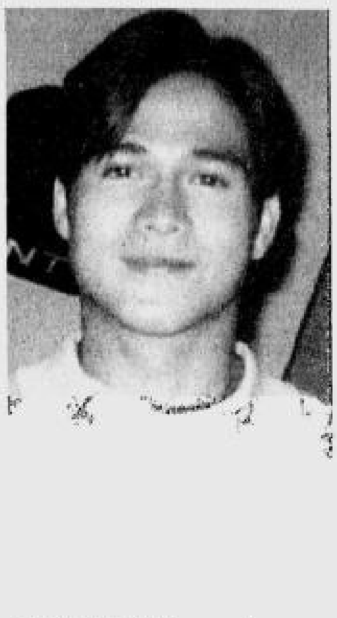

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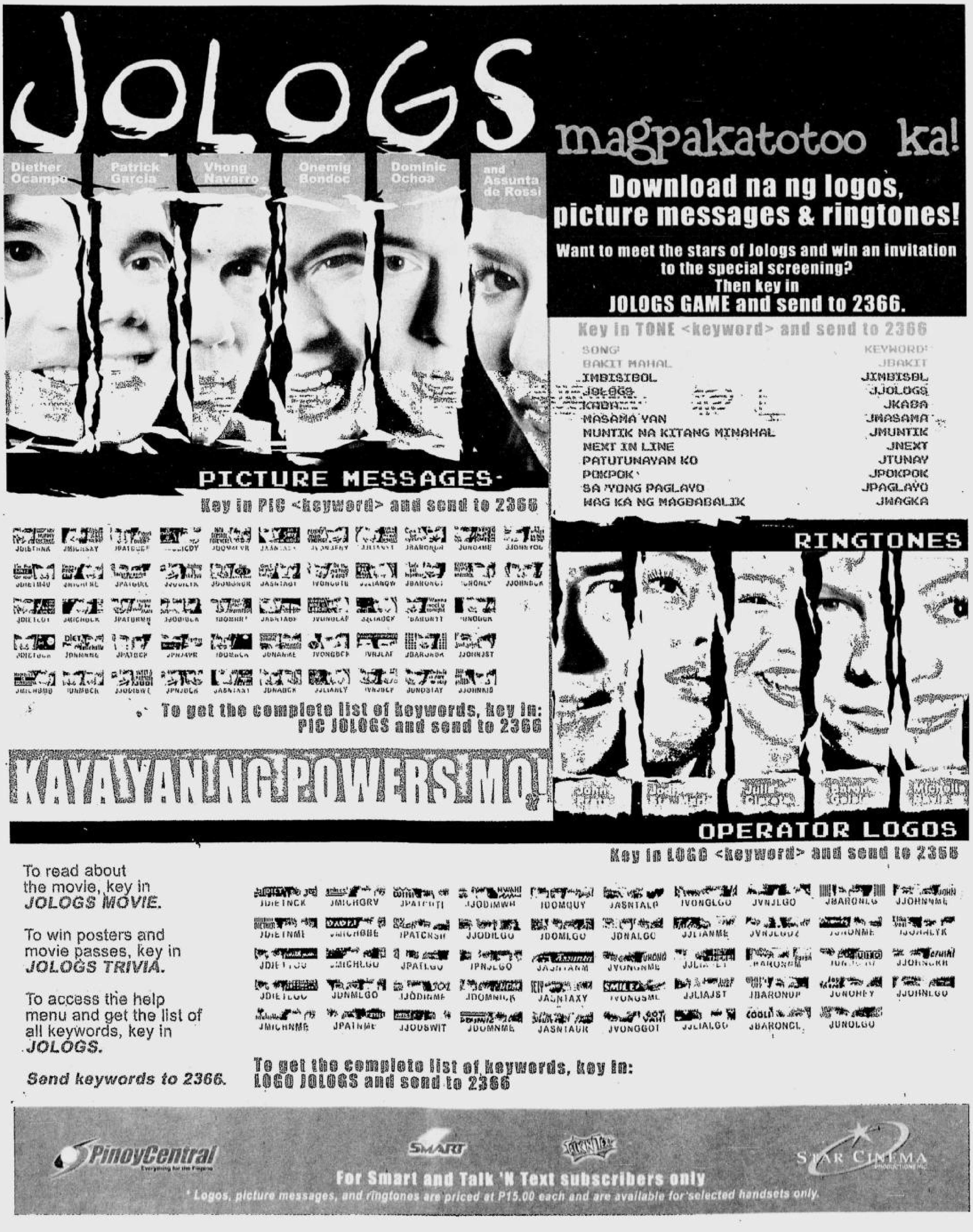

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Too many weak links

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

ALONG with its change of quizmaster, from **Edu Manzano** to **Allan K**, "The Weakest Link" appears to be bent on making itself more likeable and mass-based. Thus, its recent choice as contestants of action stars, comedians, rappers and the Sex Bomb dancers.

Alas, this new thrust has resulted in many more wrong answers than before, lower total winnings, and more irritated viewers because they have to put up with so many clueless contestants and can't get challenged by the quiz aspect of the show.

The most clueless contestants to date have been the rappers, who didn't even know the answers related to their field, entertainment. The action stars were pretty bad, too.

Some months ago, "TWL" featured drivers as contestants, and they turned out to be surprisingly sharp, coming up with many correct answers and winning a lot of money, even more than some supposedly more "educated" contestants.

So, contestants' backgrounds really aren't the controlling factor in this regard. But it does look like Allan is less able to motivate contestants to focus and do well than Edu was.

Instead of really clarifying things for them, Allan tends to laugh at contestants when they make mistakes, not realizing that he might have something to do with their clueless responses.

If "TWL" continues on this downward spiral, it could lose some of its heretofore loyal viewers. Clearly, the show's new "mass audience *and* contestants" thrust needs to be reviewed.

Some of the really "duh" responses in recent shows:

Ilang persons *sa* Holy Trinity? Pass.—Come on, everybody knows the answer is three.

Zurich is a city in which country? Answer: Malaysia.—No, Switzerland!

Ilan ang baga ng isang tao? Answer: *Isa*!—Hey, if you had only one lung, you'd be in real trouble!

Ano ang screen name *ng ama ni* Fernando Poe, Jr? Answer: Fernando Poe, Jr!—How can this be? Of course, the answer is Fernando Poe (Sr.).

Sino ang Our Lady of the Immaculate Concepcion? Pass.—The Virgin Mary, of course!

Who is the brother of Gretel? Pass. Hey, it's Hansel!

Sino ang pinakamataas na pinuno ng isang lalawigan? Answer: *Presidente*!—Oops, not so high. The top official of a province is its governor!

What is the full name of the man who came up with the Pasteurization process? Answer: Milk!—No, the name of the *person*: **Louis B. Pasteur**!

Who was the Roman Emperor killed during the Ides of March? Answer: Augustus.—No, **Julius Caesar**!

Laoag is the capital of which province? Answer: Pangasinan!—Laoag, Pangasinan? I don't think so! It's Ilocos Norte.

Ano ang tawag sa female sorcerer? Answer: *Mangkukulam*!—No, sorceress!

Somebody do something about this sorry state of things on "TWL," quick. Or else, too many weak links could push the show beyond the brink.

Films on Star Movies

TUESDAY, Aug. 20 at 7:15 p.m., "Borough of Kings." Jimmy, an aspiring actor, wants out of South Brooklyn, where hoods run the shows. Tommy, a mobster, encourages Jimmy's dreams, and Jimmy gets the part of Banquo in a Joseph Papp production of "Macbeth."

Jimmy goes to tell Tommy the good news, and walks in on a mob hit. Tommy protects him from the murderous Nunzio, but the cops get word that Jimmy knows something.

Can Jimmy succeed as an actor, be a stand-up guy for Tommy, avoid Nunzio, and get closer to Anna, a young woman he falls for at the theater?

Thursday, Aug 22 at 2:30 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. **Russell Crowe** stars in this touching love story set against the backdrop of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan in the Canadian prairie during World War II.

Through the brief and sometimes reluctant love affair between an Australian trainee and a beautiful married woman, the film evokes a very special time in history.

Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m., "Benny and Joon." Joon Pearl (**Mary Stuart Masterson**) is a bright young woman who is artistic, but unbalanced. She lives with her brother Benny (**Aidan Quinn**), who in his desire to protect her from the world, may lose her forever.

Then, Sam (**Johnny Depp**) enters their lives. He has the uncanny ability to recreate the magic of his idols, **Charlie Chaplin** and **Buster Keaton**. If Sam marches to a different drummer, it is Joon who can follow the beat.

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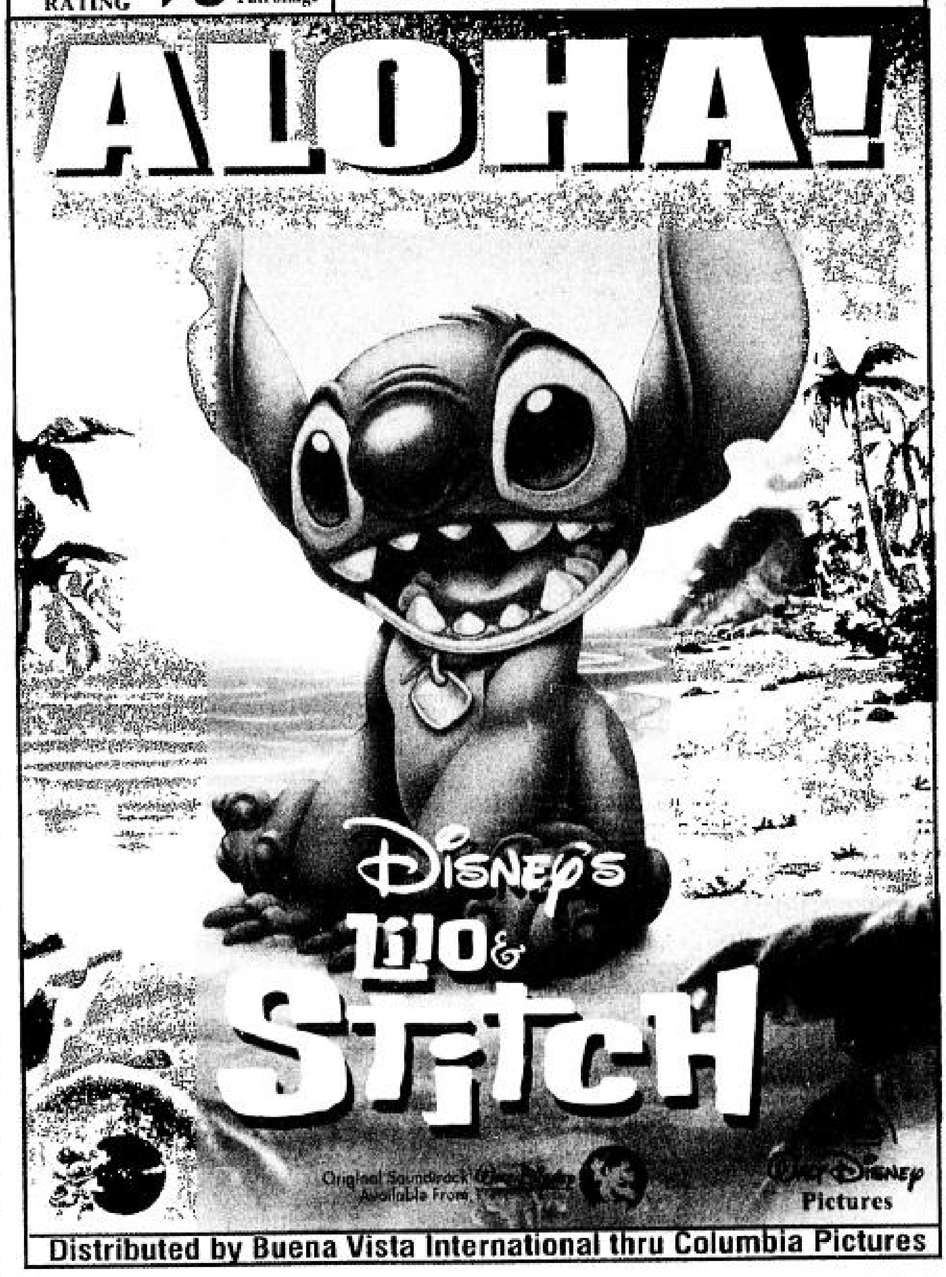

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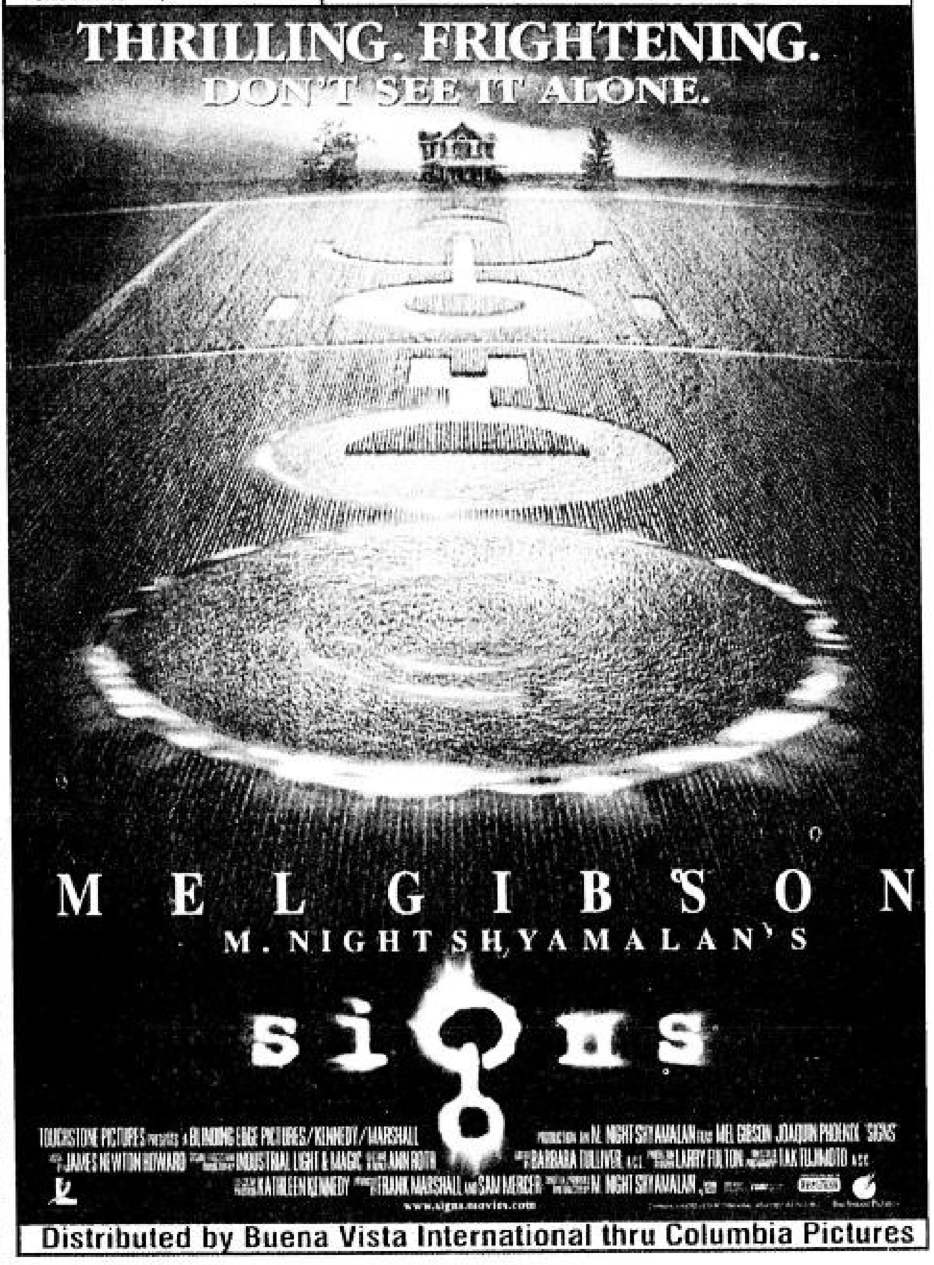

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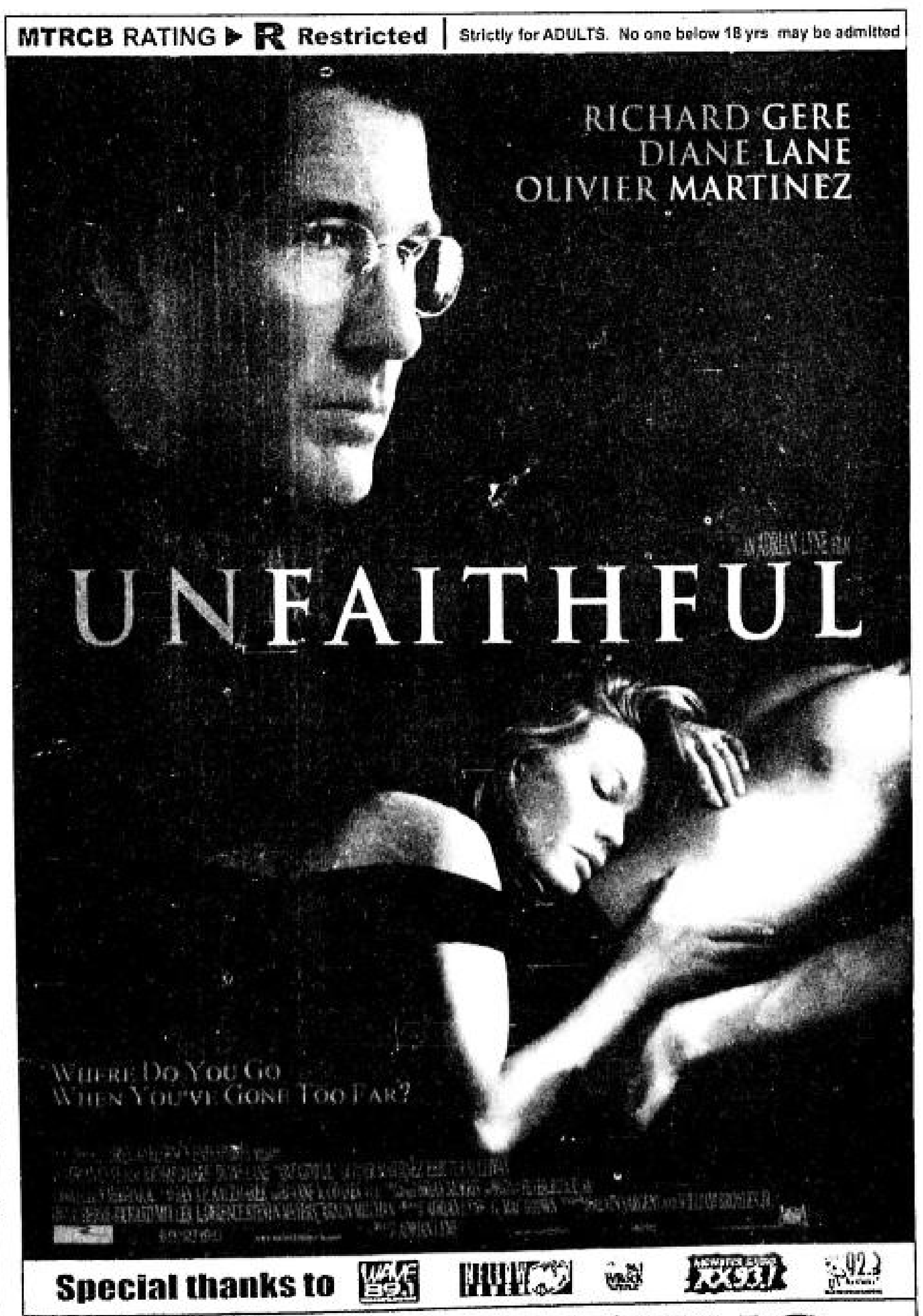

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Who'd dare lie to a husband who looks like Richard Gere?

By Emmie G. Velarde

REVIEW

YOU are not alone.

Studies show that 60 percent of men and 40 percent of women have extra-marital affairs. By age 40, half of that number will have fulfilled the forecast.

It seems the phrase "seven-year itch" is no longer indicative of current statistics, either. For men these days, it happens as early as two years into married life, for women as early as five years.

Approximately 15 percent of women and 25 percent of men have more than four affairs during their married lives. Warning to third parties who are likely to get too involved: Less than 10 percent of those who have affairs leave the spouse to run away with the lover.

I had a mind to demand attribution for these figures printed on flyers given away for free at box-offices for "Unfaithful." But since the flyers were obviously meant to lure moviegoers, and I really didn't need to be talked into it for more than 10 seconds, I let it slide.

WOMAN ON TOP. Diane Lane and Olivier Martinez.

Lying woman

Diane Lane reprises her role in "A Walk on the Moon," as a wife and mother whose world is hurled every which way by a stranger with a peculiar accent, a wild streak of freedom, a scorching in-the-moment-ness, and a spectacular bod.

In the earlier movie, she frolicked with Viggo Mortensen because husband Liev Schreiber had baby fat and was so "square," in the language of the times, that he was threatened by Jimi Hendrix's music. And Viggo took her to Woodstock. Yes, it was those times of "Purple Haze." I didn't blame her.

But would I dare lie to a husband who looks like Richard Gere, shelters his family in a nifty suburban home with a pond, and jumps into the tub with me when he hears sexy African music by Ali Farka Toure?

And for what? Anxious mornings plotting trysts, steamy afternoons in an ill-lit flat filled with old books and modern sculpture, long train rides home made unbearable by flashbacks of just-concluded intimacies?

Would I?

Body language

If Olivier Martinez's character, a babe magnet who deals in rare books, sold Tupperware instead, would he look as delicious? Unfortunately, yes. Viggos' hippie in "Moon" sold blouses and cheap shades, and all the moms at a summer lake resort flocked to his mobile store every time he parked.

What's love got to do with it?

Director Adriane Lyne has given us some of the most unforgettable films tackling sex and violence and crime. And moral dilemma. Remember "Nine 1/2 Weeks," "Lolita," "Jacob's Ladder," "Fatal Attraction," and "Indecent Proposal"?

With "Unfaithful," he set out to do an "erotic thriller about the body language of guilt." He hasn't lost his touch, segueing from sex to suspense without missing a beat.

But compelling as the bed scenes are between Lane and Martinez, the illicit-romp element in the plot merely leads to a climax (no, not that kind) that catches me, and about two dozen others in the movie house, by surprise.

Husband goes to forbidden flat, and seeing the paramour in flesh and blood, the first words that escape his lips are, "How old are you?"

The tension mounts with each subsequent question. "How did you meet?" (Windy day, she fell and hurt her knee, blah-blah.) "Does she come here?" (Yes, everyday since.) "Is she comfortable here?" (She hasn't complained.)

Gere's moment

Husband struggles to stay rational and, to his credit—and my astonishment—he succeeds, until he sees the snow dome! Wife has given away part of their precious snow dome collection to this f<#$%+* b*&^%=@! How could she? That collection is the envy of all their friends! And that snow dome has a music box, too!

Seriously, this is Gere's shining moment. I have never seen him portray such exquisite rage/despair, not even when Winona Ryder was about to die in "Autumn in New York," or when the ghost of his beloved dead wife did not show up as promised in "The Mothman Prophecies."

Even so, it is nothing compared to Lane's intensity 6 tremors in the first seduction sequence, and her landmark (even by Hollywood standards) hot-flush train scene.

The moment that snow dome cracks someone's skull open, Lyne seems to say, "It's my turn." It's quite clear where his heart and guts are. I fold up in my seat and thenceforth wish to see only the upper half of the screen.

The first hour-and-a-half has been scary-exciting. From here till the credits roll, it's scary, period.

Giveaway signs

In "Fatal Attraction," the mere ringing of the phone made me jump. Lyne does that again here, with a stuck-up elevator, police sirens, and scavenger birds in a dump site. Plus a closing frame that leaves me and my movie buddy arguing all the way to the parking lot.

Don't forget to pick up your flyer at the box-office. You'll never know when it would be useful. I forgot to mention that it also describes, in keeping with the filmmaker's aim, the body language of the un-faithful. Or, more specifically, the top six giveaway signs that a spouse's expensive no-occasion gift is really marking a major event.

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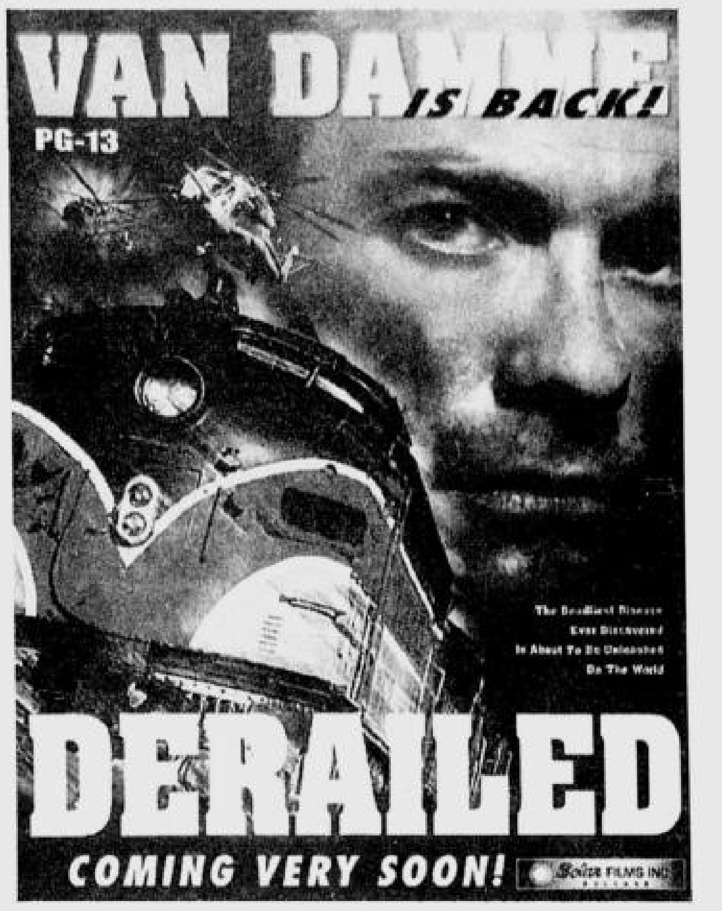
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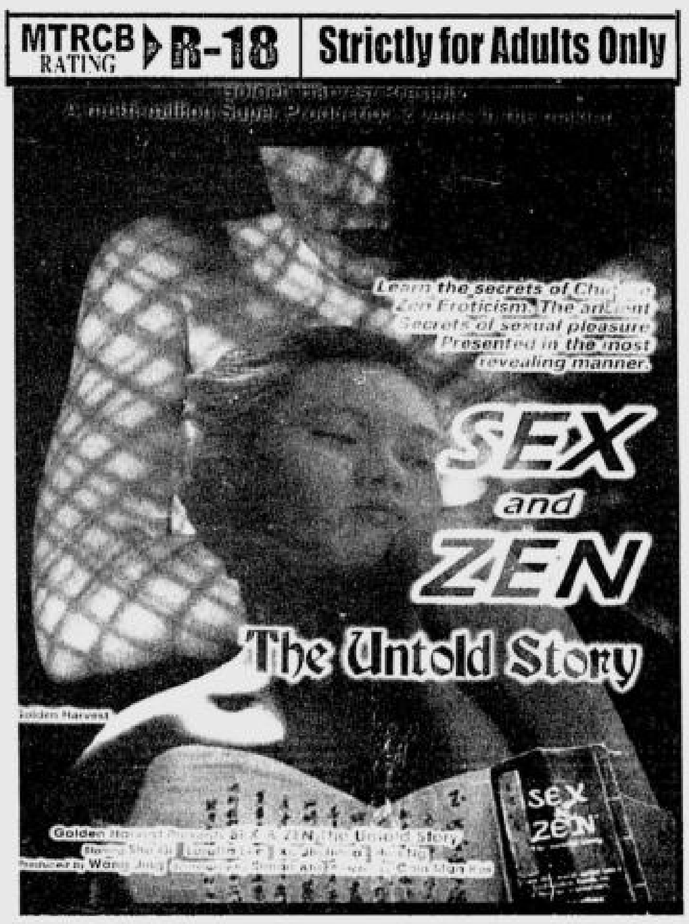
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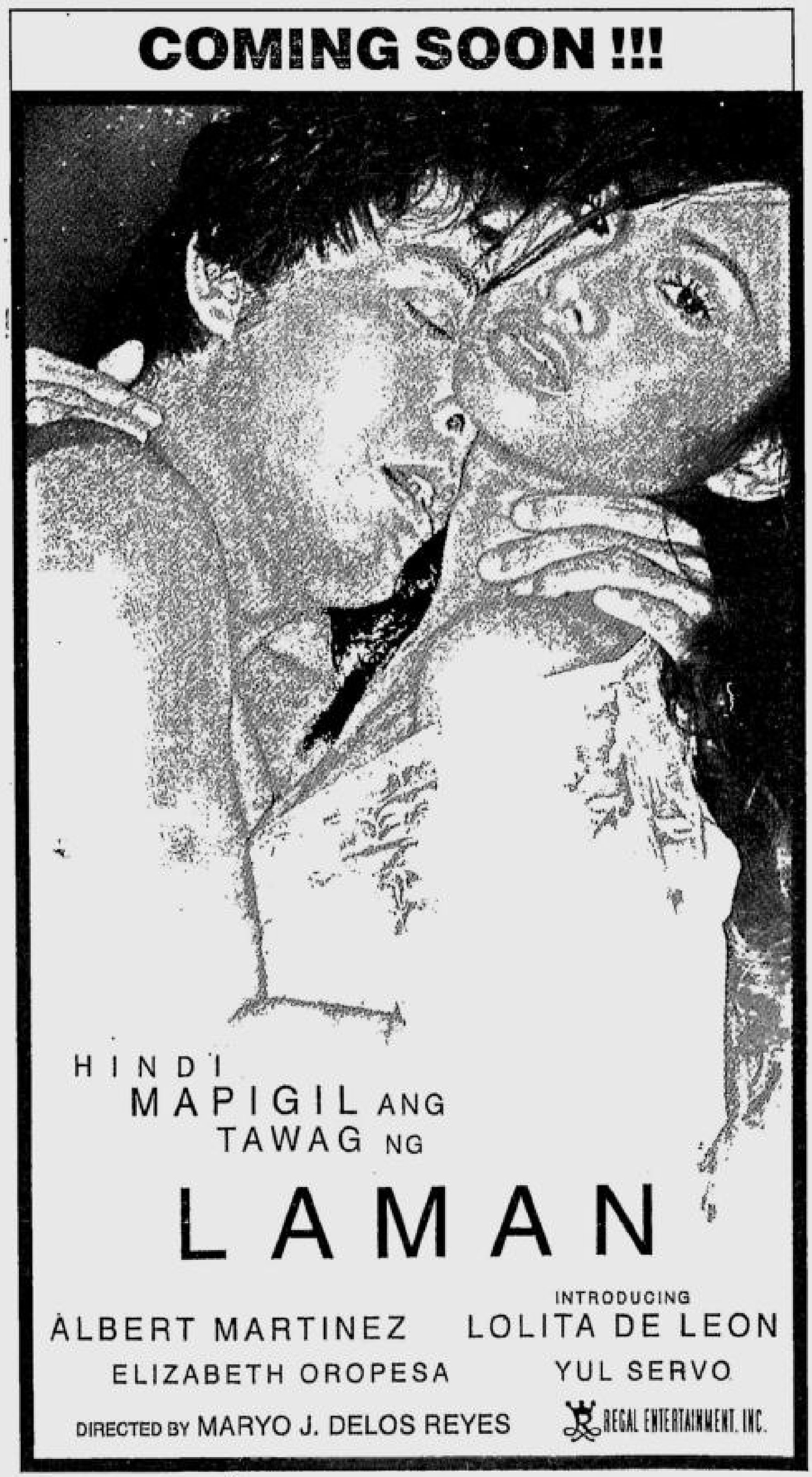
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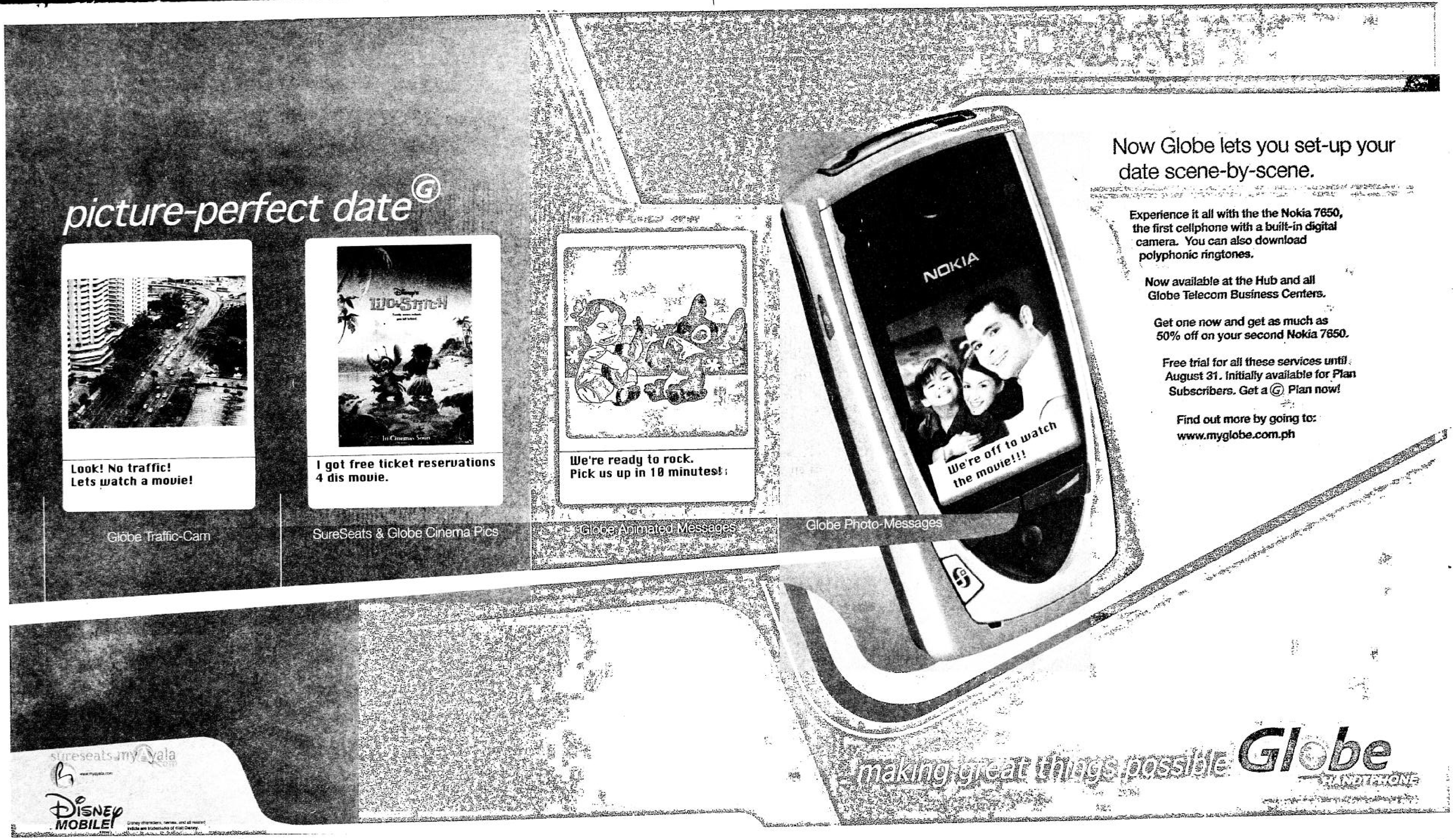
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WWII 'kutsero' turned Ayala empire builder

ENRIQUE Zobel is wheelchair-bound, but continues to be a mover.

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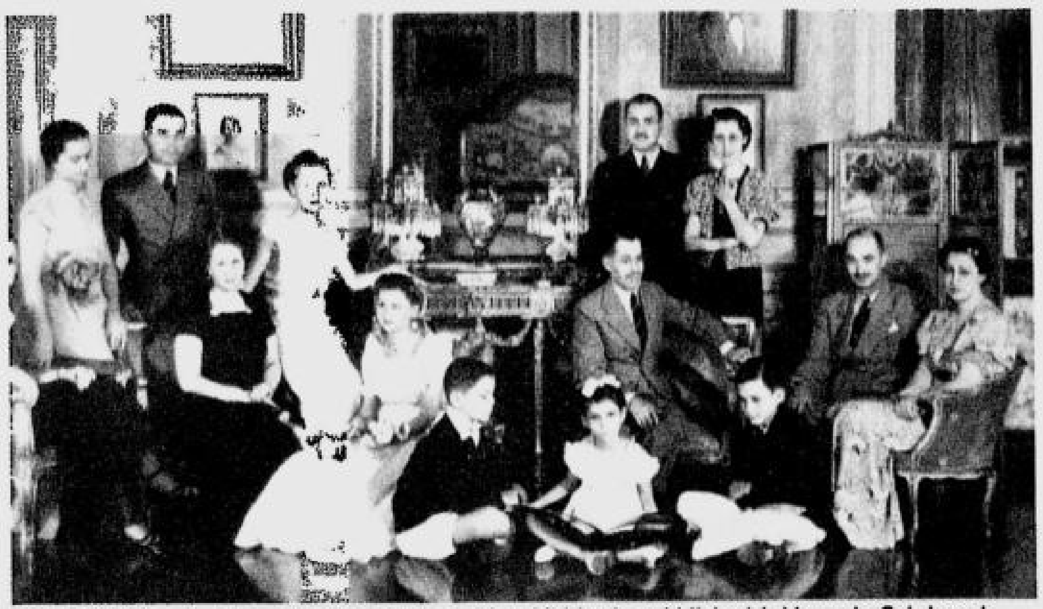
By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE CONSUMMATE businessman Enrique Jacobo Zobel grew up in the same way other rich boys did in the late 1920s.

The eldest of the 7th generation of the Zobel de Ayala family and the only child of Jacobo Roxas Zobel and Angela Olgado Zobel was surrounded by the best things that money could buy, went to the best schools and regularly went to Europe for vacations.

FIRST JOB

World War II, however, put an abrupt end to his enviable life. Manila was razed to the ground including his family's possessions in the city. His father, who was an aide to President Manuel Quezon, was sent off to a prison camp in Capas, Tarlac and at 14, he had to take care of his mother.



THE ZOBEL family before the war. Enrique (the child in the middle) with his uncle Col. Joseph McMicking (second from right), aunt Mercedes Zobel (extreme right) and father Jacobo (standing, second from left)

It was then that he learned all about survival.

"I was a *kutsero* for two years from Quezon and Ayala Bridge to Pasay. I survived by teaching some Japanese how to speak Spanish. I did that for two years and after that I was able to rescue my father who was in the death march. He was just 87 pounds when I found him," Zobel tells SundayBiz during an exclusive interview in his home.

War thankfully came to an end and he worked at the motor pool section of the United States Air Force based in Nichols (now Villamor Airbase). He was paid P2.50 an hour and received one ganta of rice for his work fixing jeeps and other vehicles.

"To give you an idea of what that was worth, my allowance was just P1 a week when I was still in La Salle and it was more than enough to buy me a popsicle and a sandwich," Zobel says.

The experience with the Air Force motor pool came in handy when he left for the US to pursue his degree in Agronomy from the College of Agriculture of the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

He rode a liberty ship which brought American prisoners of war back to the United States. The one who invited him to go to the United States was a renowned comedian named Joe E. Brown, who was a friend of his father.

"I worked in the evenings during those days as a mechanic for General Motors. I wanted to do it because I wanted to earn more money for myself. I was on an allowance from my parents," Zobel recalls.

At that time, his father resumed work as an aide to three presidents—Elpidio Quirino, Manuel Roxas and Ramon Magsaysay.

He was asked to join the family corporation headed by his uncle Joseph McMicking, who was married to his father's youngest sister, Mercedes, as soon as he graduated from UCLA. He did not feel he was ready yet but he did accept the proposal to work with the heavy equipment sector of the group.

"That was my first job with the Ayala group in 1948. I overhauled

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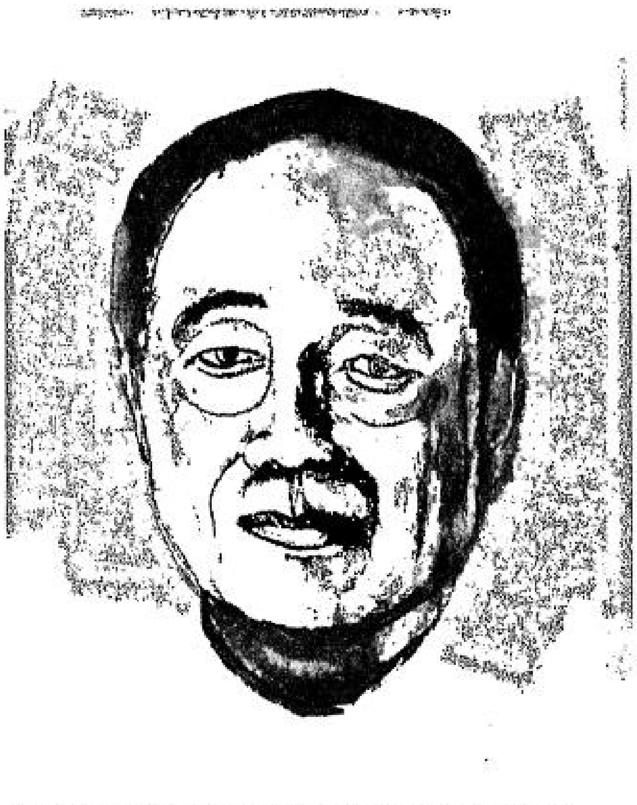

ENRIQUE Sobrepeña built the College Assurance Plan Group into the country's biggest pre-need company. CAP, however, will no longer find it easy to sell its plans after the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed that it does not have enough money in its trust fund. Will he and CAP recover from this debacle?

Leftover meat builds. . .

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cooked.

To ensure that it is cooked properly, the *longganiza* has to be boiled first until all water is absorbed. When it starts to simmer, the *longganiza* can then be fried in its own oil extract.

The *bagnet* takes a longer process to prepare. Choice cuts from the pig (usually its side called "three layers") are made into *bagnet*. These cuts are placed in a *sinublan* (a very large iron pot) to boil. The meat is then submerged in brewing oil until bubbles begin to appear while its skin hardens and begins to pop.

About 20 minutes after the meat is taken out from the frying pot, the process is repeated until its skin pops.

The secret to the mouth-watering *bagnet* is in its crispy skin. The crispier it becomes, the harder it is to resist, residents say.

The DTI has encouraged *bagnet* producers to switch to alternative packaging materials to make the product more attractive to a bigger market.

Aside from restaurants and hotels, among the steady markets for Mamaclay's crispy *bagnet* are San Fernando City, Baguio City and Metro Manila.

He cannot yet laugh all the way to the bank

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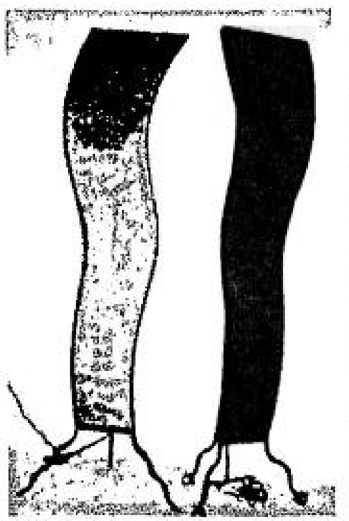
nesses are closing down or laying off employees, Bernard's workers are busy coping with orders from companies in Japan, Singapore and Italy who have given him until the end of August to deliver lampshades of varying designs and sizes.

Another company from Sweden recently asked him to make lampshades for them.

The increase in demand for the unique lampshades has challenged Bernard. He discovered that the typical Filipino backyard industry, unless it expands and seriously follows a business plan, could buckle under the demands of the export market.



TYPICAL Lanot lamps

LANOT lamps are exported to countries like Italy and Spain.

Backyard business

Bernard's front and backyards, which also house his church building at 500 square meters, barely have enough space for the working area and storage. It has come to the point that the family living room has been transformed into an office and supply room.

When it rains, the painting of the steel structure of the lampshades has to stop because Bernard's workers paint them outside and other workers have to gather the handmade paper dried on the santan bushes and transfer them inside the church.

"Just when my men have finished work on this improvised paint-drying 'box,' the sun comes out but now there is a brownout," sighs Bernard, a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of San Agustin.

His "drying box" of about 6 feet by 4 is lined with "reflector panels" that reflect heat coming from two 1000-watt halogen lamps, which Bernard theorizes will dry the paint on the lampshades' steel structures fast.

He smiles sheepishly that he has yet to try how effective it is but with the brownout, the new invention has to wait for its dry run.

Since 1992 when he first registered his business at the regional Department of Trade and Industry with a capital of P100,000 and two workers, Bernard has learned to be ingenious in solving problems that other well-financed exporters might find strange.

Despite minor setbacks and a factory in its infancy stage, Lanot Paper and Lighting International's five regular workers and the 15 to 30 personnel hired on a contractual basis can make 5,000 pieces of lampshades and about 10,000 pieces of handmade paper that have local buyers.

From engineering

A fresh college graduate in 1987 and with the Leganes Christian Reform Church to attend to, Bernard seriously took the advice of missionary Joel Hogan to help the church finances and local mission work by putting up a business that he could manage in his parsonage, hiring church members at the same time.

Thus, in 1987, Bernard studied the making of handmade paper in Baguio for two months under Michael Parson of Duntog Foundation and Japanese artist Asao Shimura who both taught him to make paper out of abaca fibers, called *lanot* in Hiligaynon.

Bernard later on experimented with making paper out of cogon grass, banana fibers and dried rice stalks. But what was a venture that was to help the church stopped operations because of lack of funds after Hogan was assigned to Tacloban from a furlough in the United States.

In 1989, Bernard bought the equipment from the Christian Reform Mission. By 1992, he was the sole proprietor of Lanot Paper and Lighting International. He bought other equipment like a hydraulic press, vats and cooking pots.

In October 1998, Lanot Paper joined the Citem (Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions) trade show in Manila under the name Creation Paper Industries. The unique lampshades got the interest of exporters.

By December of the same year, Lanot Paper had its first export to Marconcini Import, an Italian company that bought lampshades worth $4,000 from Lanot Paper and Lighting International.

Since then, Bernard has joined big trade shows both in Iloilo and Manila. This October 23-27, Lanot Paper and Lighting International's products will be one of the major attractions of the Ilonggo Festival 2002 at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall in Manila.

Bernard's success in the export business has earned him the respect of fellow traders and producers in Panay Island.

Bernard's business, however, is at the mercy of global economic forces like the Asean meltdown of the late 1990s and the current terrorism problem.

With the company getting into exports in 1998, it earned almost half a million in gross sales but this significantly went down in 1999. It made a comeback in 2000, with gross sales pegged at more than a million.

The World Trade Center tragedy in Sept. 11, 2001 and the Abu Sayyaf problem on the domestic front plunged Lanot Paper's gross sales when it could have done better had world affairs been more stable.

Looking forward to better business

"The business is doing well so far," said Bernard. He explained that to cope with the demands of export, he was working on getting a P1.8-million loan from the Development Bank of the Philippines to finance a 500-square-meter factory standing on a 1,000-square-meter lot in Barangay Nabitasan here.

He explained that he was hesitant on shelling out more money for the construction of the factory even though he already spent about P800,000 on the project because he might use up all his working capital.

Lanot Paper is getting more exposure through two outlets. The company has a kiosk in SM City Iloilo and an outlet in D'Mall Boracay called Funky Lighting managed by Bernard's British friend, Phillip Matthews who also provides him with magazines and brochures on home furnishing designs from London.

As much as expansion plans are already in the works, Bernard wishes he could do something about the expensive cost of labor and production.

Just for sewing parts of the handmade paper for the lampshade, Lanot Paper pays a worker P25 a piece and for completing work on a lampshade of about 6 foot high, a worker gets P150.

"If you go below those rates, no one is willing to work for you. Labor is expensive, that is why we cannot compete with China, Vietnam, India and Taiwan," says Bernard, adding

WWII 'kutsero' turned Ayala empire builder

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the heavy equipment like the graders, V8 engines and 6x6 trucks and I taught the people how to use them," Zobel says.

Zobel, who was Joseph's oldest nephew, eventually joined the family corporation and at 22 he was given the responsibility of building Buendia all the way to Vito Cruz extension. It was the first of many projects that the young Zobel would do under the tutelage of his uncle.

"I learned everything from him. He was a member of the staff of General McArthur and a mathematician but he was more of a thinker, a visionary. Out of 10 projects that he thought of in his mind, he would only accomplish two but the two were very good. He did not do all because he would study and study again before he moved," Zobel says.

These grand projects included the development of what is now the Makati central business district and the Forbes Park subdivision from what used to be marshland that the family bought from Filipino landowners for 40 centavos per square meter.

ZOBEL during healthier days.

McMicking's vision was to develop the country's best residential subdivision, but it was hard to convince people to leave their homes. To entice top CEOs to transfer, he offered them twice the size of their current home lots and then charge only half the cost.

"For example in Forbes, Dasmariñas and Magallanes, the cost of development was P6.25. The first 10 lots we sold at only P6, the next 10 lots we asked for P6.50 and then we increased again after every 10 lots sold. The businessmen realized that they got a good deal so they bought and they bought often because they knew they would be assured of a profit," Zobel says.

ZOBEL at work with the help of his assistant, Evelyn.

He would work under Joseph McMicking for close to 20 years. He was just 28 years old when he was named managing partner of Ayala y Compania and from there he helped grow the Ayala group to become a highly diversified conglomerate with interests in real estate, insurance, banking, hotel operations and food manufacturing.

In 1968, he was named chairman of the board and president of Ayala Corp., a position he would hold until 1983 and he practiced what he learned from his uncle. He was just 41 and one of the youngest CEOs of his time.

"I always led by example. I was a strict disciplinarian. I would come in at 7 and when executives under me would come in at 10, I would immediately ask them why they were late. I was like that," Zobel says.

Like his uncle, he would think long range, which means looking 25 years down the road. He made sure his people were with him in the effort.

He says he did not find it difficult to relate to his people even if he was a Spanish mestizo with blonde hair and blue eyes. He still laughs when he recalls how the wife of one of his employees came to him and complained that he was working her husband too much, including weekends.

"I told her I never called him on weekends. It turned out that he had a girlfriend. So I told him, next time you want to use me, let me know in advance because I don't know how to tell a lie," he says.

His people's welfare was important, he says, because he was bent on building the company.

"My motivation then was to build a big company and earn money. I was also encouraged to work hard because I wanted to buy back the shares that my father sold to my uncle. My uncle and I had an agreement that I would buy back those shares in 20 years. I was able to do that so everything that I own now, I worked for. My only inheritance was Hacienda Calatagan and I have already donated that to my grandchildren," Zobel says.

The pursuit to building the Ayala group into one of the biggest in the country came with controversies, and Zobel's strong personality understandably caused friction. Having always been outspoken, he was not afraid to speak his mind and act according to his beliefs.

In 1970, for instance, he decided to invite a member of the employees' union to sit on the board of the Ayala group just so they would appreciate how the board works and that they were not the anti-labor people they were made out to be.

Also in 1983, he battled with his cousin Andres Soriano Jr. for control of food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. where the Ayala group had a 25-percent share. He later retreated and turned around and sold the family's shares to controversial businessman Eduardo Cojuangco Jr., a move that displeased his aunt and cost him his position in the Ayala group.

"I did not say it then but I was just acting out a board decision. I did not want to fight with my cousin, in fact I told the board that if we continued to fight him and then he passed away, it would not look good for us. I asked them what was important, money or family. For me it is family so I sold the shares to Cojuangco," he explains.

Ever the businessman, Zobel says he asked Cojuangco to pay for the shares at 15 percent above the market price at that time since he was effectively gaining control of the company. He paid the next day in cash that he borrowed from the United Coconut Planters Bank.

"I asked Cojuangco if it was the money of President Marcos. He said no, it was his money, but I do know that Marcos told UCPB to give in to Cojuangco's request for a loan," he says.

His decision, however, did not sit well with his aunt Mercedez Zobel McMicking, so control of the Ayala group went to his first cousin, Jaime Zobel de Ayala.

Zobel, however, knew how it was to survive and he just turned around and built his own companies and pursued his own deals.

In 1984, for instance, he deployed 12,000 Filipino workers to build the palace and other structures for his polo playmate, the Sultan of Brunei. He also built EZI and Diamond Star which exported mangoes to Japan, China and Korea.

"I have headed businesses from real estate to insurance but never agriculture and yet it was what I studied in college. But finally I am now doing that," Zobel says.

He continues his busy schedule even after he fell off his horse "Juanita" during a polo practice session in April 1991 when he was 63. He nearly died, but his will to survive was so strong that he lived, albeit paralyzed from the neck down.

"I have no complaints because I did it to myself. I have no one to blame but myself," he says.

These days he spends his mornings for physical therapy to keep his body in shape. In the afternoons he handles different business concerns with the help of his trusted assistants. He goes to Spain for three months out of the year to oversee his investments there.

ZOBEL with his childhood friend nicknamed Big Boy who helped him catch deer in Calatagan during the war.

He is also busy working on his memoirs, now 500 pages long, which will spill the beans on how many of the top CEOs made crooked deals, who were the judges that accepted bribes and even the political histories of all the presidents until Marcos.

He has remained so forward-looking that he has picked out the place where he will be buried, a lot in his beloved Hacienda Calatagan in Batangas overlooking the sea. He says, it will be nice to be buried in a place with a view.

He also has the energy to keep up with politics. He testified about the Marcos gold deposits and attended the Erap impeachment trials, and now he is open about his criticisms of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"I knew her when she was still a young girl and now I tell her that she does not want to listen to criticisms. She only likes to hear good things," Zobel says.

Zobel also voiced concerns over the way many of today's CEOs handle their corporations.

"Many of them just inherited the wealth from their parents. It is different for me because I had to make the money myself.," Zobel says.

Zobel adds that many corporations these days simply duplicate what is popular in other countries, not so different from the "*sari-sari*" store mentality.

"During our time, we were forced to be creative, to look for new things, not just copy what was there. These days, people don't do that anymore because it requires too much deep thinking," he says.

Zobel also shakes his head over how some companies prefer to invest in non-basic industries, and not enough on agriculture.

"I ask people, what would you do if suddenly tomorrow there is no money, no banks. Can you eat telephones or Internet? They tell me it will not happen. But I say that during the war I also did not think that it would happen, but it did. Like what my uncle always said, you should always look at the worst case scenario," Zobel says.

He fears that many of the CEOs would not be able to find a solution for the worst case scenario. But for the 75-year-old Zobel, he says he can always go through the experience again, and not just survive, but prevail.

Leftover meat builds multimillion-peso industry

By Cristina Arzadon
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LAOAG CITY—When the choices are narrowed down to nurturing your heart and satisfying your appetite, the latter almost always sticks out like a sore thumb. More so when the dining table is full of a homegrown favorite: the oil-soaked *bagnet* (locally known as *chicharon* or deep-fried pork meat).

By the Department of Trade and Industry's count, *bagnet* production in Ilocos Norte has grown to a multimillion-peso business from its humble beginning as a means to preserve leftover meat.

PHOTO BY CRISTINA ARZADON

A 'BAGNET' vendor in Laoag

At least 50 DTI-registered meat processors sell *bagnet* fulltime, while others include other meat products in their product lines.

Three of the biggest *bagnet* producers come from this city and in nearby San Nicolas and Batac towns.

Commercial production started in the 1980s. But before producers began to notice its commercial value, *bagnet*-making started as a handed-down tradition of deep-frying the meat until crispy to extend its shelf life for a few more days.

When kept in the refrigerator, the *bagnet* can last for a week before it gets spoiled. When left in normal room conditions, the meat can last for three days only.

The production of *bagnet* and its other diet-crushing counterpart, the *longganiza* (sausage), has helped sustain the food business in Ilocos Norte, netting an annual gross sales ranging from P200,000 for beginners to a whopping P8 million for the pioneering producers.

"We started selling fresh pork meat. But we could not earn as much as we were buying livestock. So we started introducing cooked meat," said Cherelyn Mamaclay, the acknowledged "*bagnet* magnate" and owner of the Mamaclay's Crispy Chicharon.

Mamaclay decided to borrow an initial P10,000 from a bank in the 1980s when she noticed that business was slow. She would pay back the loan at P50 a day for 200 days until she was able to secure a bigger loan of P50,000.

"I was challenged to borrow money because business was slow when the capital was small," she says.

Although the Mamaclays kept a market stall for fresh meat, parts of the pig were cooked into everyday favorites such as *silsilet* (cooked pig intestines) *adobo*, *igado*, *embutido* and *dinardaraan* (*dinuguan*).

"Livestock these days can cost a fortune that's why we maximize all parts by selling them fresh or cooked. We keep the wastage to a minimum," Mamaclay says.

Her main products, however, are *bagnet* and *longganiza*, which are bought and consumed at nearly 100 kilograms everyday.

If Mamaclay sells *bagnet* at P250 a kilo and nets P8 million a year, her daily sales of *bagnet* combined with *longganisa* rare is some 87.6 kgs a day, 2,666 kgs a month or 32,000 kgs a year.

"I don't mind telling other people that my house is *katas ng chicharon* (juice of *chicharon*), or that I have sent my daughter to college through *sang-aw ng chicharon* (aroma of chicharon)," Mamaclay says.

To cut down on the oil content, tourists, mostly Chinese, prefer to chop the *bagnet* in small chunks and have it refried until the meat has shrunk five times its original size.

"Locals are accustomed to consuming the *bagnet* straight from the market place since it is pre-cooked. The health-conscious ones follow the restaurant-style of frying it all over again until the fatty section turns as crispy as the skin," says Araceli Salem, a Department of Tourism employee.

"Tourists hardly ask about the fastfood chains in our area. In fact, Chinese and Americans always drop by the DOT office to ask which restaurant is serving *bagnet*," she adds.

Chinese tourists, by the way, are like Filipinos when it comes to food practice. They are fond of taking home *bagnet* wrapped in paper instead of the aluminum foil or the plastic bag.

But unlike locals who settle for newspaper cuttings or the paper bag (this easily absorbs oil), the Chinese prefer the glazed paper for the long haul back to their country. Paper bags can be easily torn into pieces when they absorb too much oil.

"And when they ask for *bagnet*, you expect them to ask for *pinakbet* (mixed vegetable dish) as well. These two specialties are always a hit," Salem says.

Mamaclay recalls that movie producer Armida Siguion-Reyna used to order *bagnet* in volume while on a visit to the province. Many of Siguion-Reyna's films were shot in the scenic towns of Ilocos Norte.

"The Ilocos scenery did not only captivate Siguion-Reyna, she also shares the Ilocanos' appetite for *bagnet*," Mamaclay says.

Other regions have their own version of *bagnet* and *longganiza*. Unlike in other areas, however, the Ilocos *bagnet* and *longganiza* always get the bigger market.

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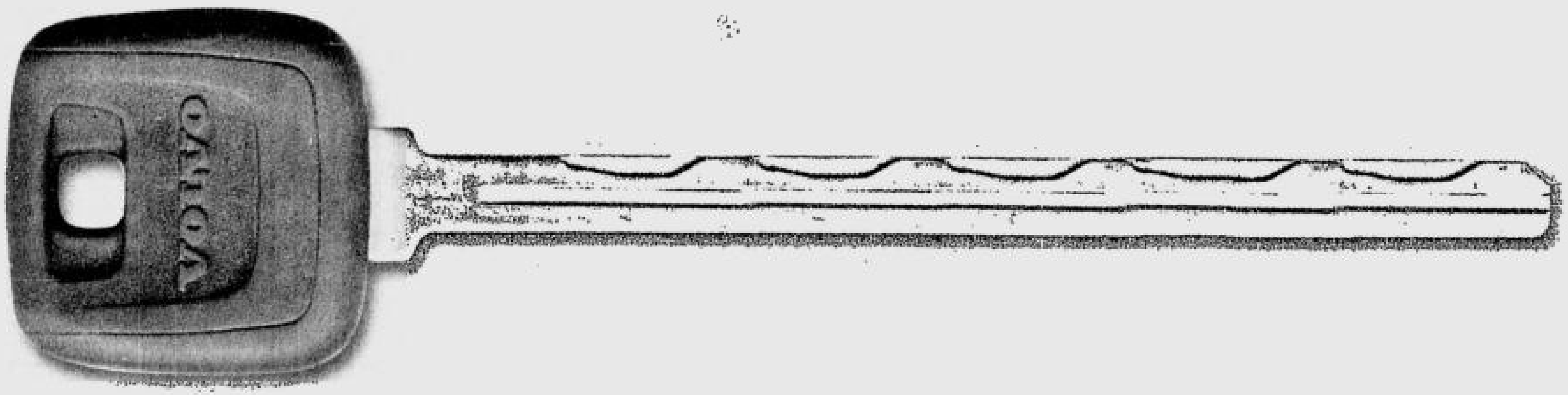

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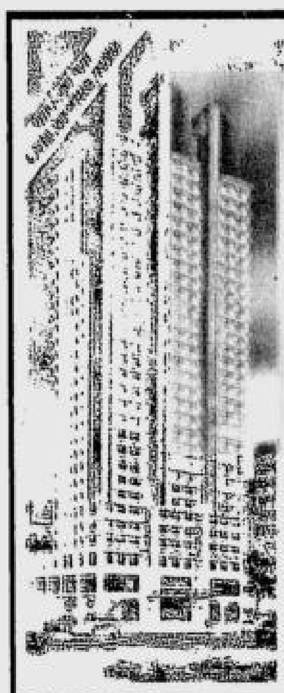

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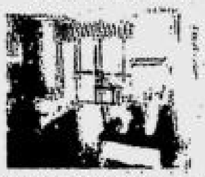

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VI. **1 Year Clinical Research Fellowship for** Non-Invasive Cardiology, Invasive Cardiology, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Critical Care Medicine, Electrophysiology, Peripheral Vascular Medicine, Pediatric Invasive & Non-Invasive Cardiology, Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery and Pulmonary Medicine
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RESIDENCY (QUERT not required) fill up application at DOH for matching (for Medical Board Passers)

I. Radiology
II. Nuclear Medicine
III. Biological and Clinical Laboratory (Pathology)

General Requirements for Application for Fellowship & Residency:

1. Medical Diploma
2. Transcript of Records with the General Average
3. Itemized Board Rating
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (coming from different Doctors specifically the Training Officer &/or Director of the previous training programs)
5. Four (4) pcs. 2"x2" picture colored
6. Certificate of Residency in required specialty
7. Specialty Board Certificate in required specialty

Please address your communications to:

JOSE A. YULDE, M.D.
Assistant Director
Office of Education and Research
Philippine Heart Center
East Avenue, Quezon City

** Deadline for submission of application is on August 31, 2002*
** Academic Year 2003 starts on January 1, 2003*

For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Carmela M. Ocasion (cp# 09196239902) or Ms. Cleopatra Q. Palencia (cp# 09207645273) with Te. Nos. 925-2401 locals 3234, 3235, 3236 & 3237 and Telefax 926-9622, or you can email to oer@phc.gov.ph

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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Building 1, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Ave. Sta. Cruz, Mla. 1003
Tel Nos. 743 8301 locals 1125, 1132, Fax (632) 743-1829, 743 1786, Direct 711-9502, 711 9500 osec@doh.gov.ph

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

1. The Government of the Philippines has received loans from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project (RWSSP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these loans to payment under the contract for which this Request for Quotations is issued.
2. The Department of Health now requests price quotations for the supply and delivery of the following:

I. Package-A	
Water Laboratory Equipment	
1.1 Incubator	1 unit
1.2 Autoclave	1 unit
1.3 Distilling Apparatus	1 unit
1.4 Magnetic Stirrer	1 unit
II. Package-B	
Portable Water Test Kit	30 Kits
III. Package-C	
Laboratory Glasswares and Supplies	
3.1 Petri Dish	204 pcs.
3.2 Test Tube Rack (24 Holes)	204 pcs.
3.3 Test Tube Rack (60 Holes)	204 pcs.
3.4 Erlenmeyer Flasks (2 liters)	34 pcs.
3.5 Erlenmeyer Flasks (1 liter)	34 pcs
3.6 Erlenmeyer Flasks (100 ml)	102 pcs.
3.7 Beaker (1 liter)	34 pcs.
3.8 Beaker (600 ml)	34 pcs.
3.9 Beaker (250 ml)	102 pcs
3.10 Test Tube (25 mm x 200 mm)	1,700 pcs.
3.11 Test Tube (15 mm x 150 mm)	3,400 pcs.
3.12 Test Tube (9 mm x 75 mm)	8,500 pcs.
3.13 Test Tube (6 mm x 50 mm)	8,500 pcs.
3.14 Cylinder (1 liter)	34 pcs.
3.15 Cylinder (500 ml)	34 pcs.
3.16 Cylinder (100 ml)	34 pcs
3.17 Sampling bottles (120 ml Capacity)	850 btls.
3.18 Sampling Bottles (30 ml Capacity)	1,700 btls.
3.19 Pipets (10 ml)	510 pcs.
3.20 Pipets (5 ml)	340 pcs.
3.21 Pipets (1 ml)	1,700 pcs.
3.22 Pipets Container (6 cm D x 41 cm L)	51 pcs.
3.23 Wire Baskets (31 ml L x 17 cm H x 17 cm D)	34 pcs.
3.24 Wire Baskets (46 ml L x 17 cm H x 31 cm D)	34 pcs.
3.25 Funnel (14 cm D x 17 cm L)	17 pcs.
3.26 Theremomether	51 pcs.
3.27 Volumetric Flask (1 liter)	34 pcs.
3.28 Volumetric Flask (500 ml)	34 pcs.
3.29 Volumetric Flask (200 ml)	34 pcs.
3.30 Reagents Bottles (500 ml)	34 btls.
3.31 Reagents Bottles (250 ml)	51 btls.
3.32 Glass Rod (25 cm L)	51 pcs
3.33 Rubber Bulb	17 pcs.
3.34 Innoculating Loop (3 mm Diameter)	34 pcs.
IV Package-D	
Laboratory Chemical and Media	
4.1 Lactose Broth Dehydrated (500 g/btl)	68 btls.
4.2 Peptone Broth, Dehydrated (500 g/btl)	17 btls.
4.3 Brilliant Green Lactose Bile Broth, Dehydrated (500 g/btl)	84 btls.
4.4 E.C. Medium, Dehydrated (500 g/btl)	51 btls.
4.5 Nutrient Agar, Dehydrated (500 g/btl)	17 btls.
4.6 Ferric Ammonium Citrate Ar Grade (500 g/btl)	17 btls.
4.7 Di-Potassium Hydrogen Phosphate, AD Grade (500 g/btl)	17 btls.
4.8 Sodium Thiosulfate, Anhydrous, AR Grade (500 g/btl)	17 btls.
4.9 Teepol, Detergent (500 ml/btl) or equivalent	17 btls.
V. Package - E	
Chlorine Granules	6,000 kgs.
VI. Package - F	
Squat Type Plastic Toilet Bowls	50,000 pcs.

3. International shopping procedure will be conducted in accordance with ADB's procurement guidelines
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder at the said address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000), including mail fee for foreign supplier from August 22 to September 9, 2002. The method of payment may be cash of bank draft.
5. Quotations must be delivered to the address below on or before 2.00 p.m. on **September 11, 2002**

Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC)
Department of Health
Building No. 3 San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines
Phone No. (632) 338-62-59 / 743-83-01 to 23 loc. 1338
Telefax No. (632) 743-72-36

6. Quotations must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two (2) percent of the total Bid Price in the currency of the quotation or another freely covertible currency. Late quotations shall be rejected. Quotations will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representative who choose to attend at the above address, at 2:00 pm on **September 11, 2002**
7. Prior to opening of quotations, a pre-bid conference will be held at the DOH COBAC Conference Room, Sta. Cruz, Manila at 2:00 p.m. on **August 28, 2002**
8. The Department of Health will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidder in connection with the preparation or delivery of the quotations.
9. In the comparison of quotations, ADBs Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Instruction to Bidders.
10. The Department of Health (DOH) reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, and to annul the bidding process and reject all quotations at any time prior to contract Award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders and to waive any minor defects of informities therein and to accept such quotation as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson
Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

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Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet
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Fax Nos.: (074) 422-2848 / (074) 443-9601

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Interested parties are hereby invited to a **PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE** and **SEALED BIDDING** for the supply and delivery of:

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The **PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE** will be held on **August 29, 2002** at **10:00 a.m.** at Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet where the technical procedures of the bidding proper and other related matters will be discussed.

SEALED BIDS must be received on or before **September 13, 2002** at **12:00 NOON** at Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet. **OPENING of BIDS** will be on the same date at **1:00 p.m.**

Only those present during the Pre-Qualification Conference will be allowed during the bidding proper. BENECO reserves the right to reject any or all bids which do not comply with the requirements.

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6. Financial Statement
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All interested bidders must submit their accreditation documents on or before **31 August 2002** to:

DR. ELEUTERIO C. DE LEON
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the President
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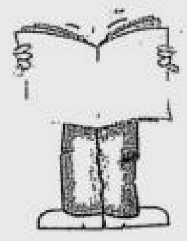

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DR. ENRIQUE CUICO GALANG, DCL, Phd.

December 17, 1910 - July 29, 2002

would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who paid their last respect, and grieved with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and sympathy, kept vigil, were present at the necrological services and funeral rites and in countless ways gave us comfort at the time of our great loss and hours of bereavement.

We ask you to please continue to pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Dr. Enrique C. Galang**.
Thank you once again and may the Lord Almighty bless you and your family always.

Paula Piñgol Vda. de Galang
P/CSupt Enrique Galang, Jr.
Dr. Leandro Galang

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the brothers (**Tiñing** and **Igrin**) and the sisters (**Rencing**, **Rita** and **Rading**) of the late

DIOMEDES P. ECHAVE

of Tayum, Abra

who joined his Creator on August 12, 2002

Wish to convey our sincere appreciation to all who condoled with us, offered prayers, sent flowers, gave their valuable assistance, time and effort, kept vigil and joined us in the funeral rites.

May our Lord bless us all.

"PAPA, your presence will be deeply missed,
but the memories of your love and goodness
will live with us and remain in our hearts forever..."

Atty. HERMILO ROJAS ROSAL

Has peacefully joined our Creator on the 16th day of August 2002
at the age of 65.

His loving wife **FLORY**; children **JOSEPH, ROLAND & ANN, CRISTINA & NOEL BAYANI**; grandchildren **CHRISTOFFER, FRANCIS, DAN LEMUEL & EMIL LEANDRO**; brothers and sisters **PILAR & MARIO (†) RIALUBIN, VIC & EMY, MARILOU & FRANK MACANAS** and **EVELYN & JOE MANAHAN**; request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church (Claret School), Mahinhin Street, UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

Interment will be on August 22, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, after the 9:00 a.m. Mas at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church.

FRANCISCO (JIMMY) L. CHUA, JR.

(Leveriza Street, Pasay City, Metro Manila)

Peacefully joined his Creator on August 15, 2002
at the age of 54.

His bereaved wife **Erlinda**; children **Jocelyn** and **Aiman**, **Jessica** and **Ian**, **Jennifer**, **Joseph**; grandchildren **Jean-Adrianne**, **Jian**, **Mariam**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Rizal Funeral Homes, Inc., Pasay City, Metro Manila.

Interment will be announced later.

Message of Thanks

We thank you dear God for giving Tatay who made us feel the depth of Your Love and Greatness of Your sacrifice reflected by his fatherly care and wisdom.

We thank and sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

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MESSAGE OF THANKS

On July 30, 2002, our beloved

BIENVENIDO LIM RILLO

went home to be in God's eternal bosom, there to live in peace and perfection. His going home was a moment of grief for us, but it was easy to bear that grief for there were loved ones, friends, and colleagues who offered their time to assure us of the presence and love of God in our life.

To you we offer our deepest gratitude,
and our prayer for God's blessing on your life.

Gaying R. Rillo and Family

Nicanora Diaz Carrillo

January 10, 1903 - August 16, 2002

Beloved husband **Angelo G. Carrillo**; children (†) **Vivencio Carrillo**, (†) **Norma Carrillo-Salcedo**, **Ma. Teresa D. Carrillo**.

Viewing: St. Peter's Memorial Chapels
(Quezon Avenue, near Pegasus) *August 17-23*

Interment: August 24, 2002, 10:00 a.m. Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Her remains will be brought to Our Lady of Grace Parish, Caloocan City at 8:00 a.m., August 24, 2002.

"My soul finds rest to GOD alone; from Him comes my salvation."
Psalms 62:2

EVANGELINA "Mam Helen" V. CUARESMA

August 14, 1930 - August 16, 2002

Survived by her children **Ariel & Mer, Beulilah & Ruby, Christian & Tess, Delilah & Ralph, Eliezer & Giddy, Fernleva & Paul, Jr.**

Her body lies in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on August 23, 2002, 10:00 AM at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Message of Thanks

The family of the late

BONIFACIO HUBILLA GILLEGO

Former Congressman, Second District Sorsogon

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on August 1, 2002

sincerely thank all those who offered Masses and Prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, gave generous gifts, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites, extended their support and services in countless ways, and who condoled and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.
We are truly grateful.

Our Dearly Beloved

DR. VICTORIA T. ORTIZ

Gintong Ina Awardee 2001

Peacefully joined her Creator on August 16, 2002 at the age of 82

Her bereaved husband **Engr. Marcelino A. Ortiz**; children **Dr. Linda & Dr. Eddie Cruz, Ciel & Lynn, Nilo & Vessie, Raul & Lillian, Dr. Oscar, Dr. Olive**, grandchildren and great grandchildren, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Holy Family Parish, Roxas District, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Bay, Laguna.

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PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE
420th SW, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC BIDDING

The Philippine Air Force will receive sealed bids until **17 Sept, 2002, 2:00 P.M.** at Conference Room of 420th Supply Wing, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga for the sale of the following unserviceable properties on **"as is, where is"** basis:

Lot Number / Description	LOCATION	MIN BID PRICE
Lot IB: Three T-28 acft carcasses 531, 704, 785	15th SW, Sangley Air Base, Cavite City	P60,000.00
Lot VB: Two S-76A acft carcasses 208 & 209	-do-	P40,000.00
Lot IVB: two (2) - S211 aircraft 806 & 810	Air Ads Corp, Andrews Avenue, Domestic Airport, Pasay	P16,000.00
Lot VIIB: assorted scrap of office eqpt	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanda, Pampanga	P8,000.00
Lot 5-278-012: one (1) S-70A acft carcass	-do-	P12,000.00
Lot 5-208-008: one (1) UH-IH #755 carcass	-do-	P20,000.00
Lot 7-136-001: Four T-28 acft nrs.7560, 3644, 3658 and 7701	420th SW, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga and 15th SW, Sangley Air Base, Cavite City – acft # 644	P4,320,305.00
Lot 5-283-022 – 10 T-28 engines with canister	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanda, Pampanga	P3.5 M
Lot 5-283-023 – 8 T-28 engines w/out canister	-do-	P2.3 M
Lot 6-106-037 – 2 F-5 acft carcasses 323 & 505	-do-	P208,000.00
Lot 6-106-038: two (2)T-33 acft nrs. 454 & 100	-do-	P80,000.00
Lot 02-060-01: two (2) T-33 acft nrs.698 & 547	-do-	P12,000.00
Lot IID - assorted acft parts	-do-	P44,045.00
Lot IIID –assorted acft parts	-do-	P82,892.00
Lot I – 1: F-8H aircraft nr 302	420th SW, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga	P1.5M
Lot I – 2: F-8H aircraft nr 307	-do-	P1.5M
Lot I – 3: F-8H aircraft nr 309	-do-	P1.5M
Lot I – 4: F-8H aircraft nr 311	-do-	P1.5M
Lot I – 5: F-8H aircraft nr 316	-do-	P1.5M
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Lot I – 7: F-8H aircraft nr 320	-do-	P1.5M
Lot I – 8: F-8H aircraft nr 322	-do-	P1.5M
Lot I – 9: consisting of the following: 8 units cannibalized acft carcasses; 19 units F-8H engines; 1 unit F-8H acft crashed; 10,669 Line items F-8H parts; 723 line items assorted tools and equipment.	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanda, Pampanga	P1.5M

REMINDERS TO BIDDERS:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding.
2. To submit bid in PAF official bid form.
3. Bid bond deposit is required in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the bid price.
4. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commence.
5. Buyers of F-8H aircraft and F-8H component items are required to submit an **"End Use - End User Certification"**
6. Additional information / request for inspection may be secured from the Disposal Unit, 420th SW, tel nr. (045) 599-2014/2015 loc. 6524
7. Pre-bid conference and issuance of Bid Forms (P100. 00 per set) will be on **12 Sept, 2002, 10:00 A.M. at 420th SW Conference Room, 420th SW, Clark Air Base. Angeles City, Pampanga**

Inspection schedules will be as follows:

Items	Date	Time	Day	Location
T-28 & S-76 I carcasses	21 Aug – 06 Sept,2002,	9:00 A.M – 3:00 PM	Mon to-Fri	- SAO Office, 15th SW, Sangley Air Base, Cavite City
S-211 carcasses	26 Aug – 06 Sept,2002,	9:00 A.M – 3:00 PM	Mon to Fri	- 420th SW Liaison Off, Villamor Air Base,Pasay City
Blackhawk, T-33, Huey, aircraft carcasses, parts and other scrap	21 Aug – 11 Sept 2002,	9:00 A.M – 4:00 PM	Mon to Fri	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga
T-28 & F-8H aircraft	21 Aug –11 Sept, 2002,	9:00 A.M.– 4:00 PM	Mon to Sat	420 Supply Wing, Clark Air Base, A.C. Pampanga

PAF DISPOSAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY FOUND THEREIN, AND TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PAF.

PAF Disposal Commitee

(Sgd.) **Col. CLAUDIO P ESTALILLA PAF (GSC)**
Wing Commander, 420th SW, PAF
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(PDI: Aug 17, 18, 19, 2002)

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Above items may be inspected starting **August 19, 2002 up to August 30, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Mondays to Fridays, at the Materials Management Unit, ADB Headquarters Bldg., No. 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

The sale will be on an **"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"** basis. Particulars regarding the terms and conditions of sale, including bid forms, may be obtained upon request from the Materials Management Unit (MMU), Room G923.

Bids will be accepted up to 2:00 p.m. on September 2, 2002. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on September 3, 2002 at the OAS Conference Room (Rm. 4522). Bidders wishing to attend the bid opening are welcome to do so.

Bidders are required to submit a bid deposit by manager's or cashier's check in an amount equivalent to at least ten (10) percent of the bid amount, together with the duly accomplished bid forms in a sealed envelope.

For further information, please contact: **The Materials Management Unit**
Telephone Nos. 632-4317/4316

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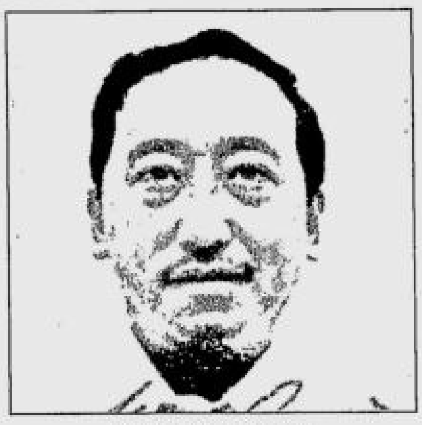

JUAN DOMINO

Notice is hereby given to the public that **MR. JUAN DOMINO**, whose picture appears hereinabove with last known address at #1259 EDSA Balintawak, has an outstanding Warrant of Arrest in regard to a pending case for Violation of Batas Pambansa Blg. 22 (Bouncing Checks Law) before Branch 39 of the Quezon City Metropolitan Trial Court entitled "People of the Philippines vs. Reynaldo Castelo, Juan and Zorayda Domino" - Criminal Case No. 55965-74 Reward of PESOS. Twenty Five Thousand (P25,000.00) is hereby offered to any person who may have information as to his whereabouts which would lead to his arrest.

You may contact **ATTY. MARLA A. BARCENILLA of SAN JUAN BARCENILLA and ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE (927-3174) or ATTY. LEON S. GUERRERO JR. at ASIATRUST DEVELOPMENT BANK (373-4101).**

(PDI – Aug. 18, 2002)

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY & TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) invites sealed written bids, re: supply of labor, tools and materials for the **INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND SMOKE/HEAT DETECTOR.**

Only duly accredited bidders/suppliers will be allowed to participate in the bidding.

List of requirements to be submitted:

1. Letter of intent /co. profile
2. SEC registration
3. Business License
4. List of clients
5. Financial Statement (last 2 yrs.)
6. ITR (last 2 yrs.)
7. Location Map of Office

All interested bidders/suppliers must submit their accreditation documents on or before August 26, 2002 at Purchasing Division.

The PHC reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information and the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder/s.

(Sgd.) **ROMEO J. SANTOS, M.D.**
Chairman, PBAC

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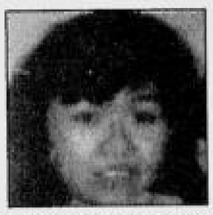

JOCELYN HIRAO y DIAZ

A WARRANT OF ARREST has been issued against Jocelyn Hirao y Diaz for **Estafa** under CRIMINAL CASE NO. 99-1549 Regional Trial Court Branch 112 Pasay City A reward will be given for any information leading to her arrest.

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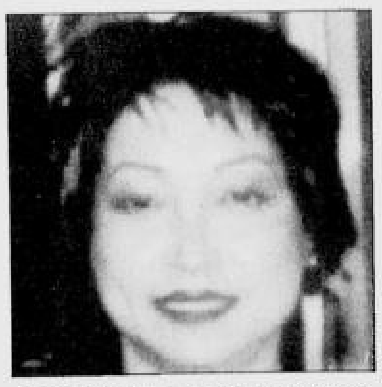

CARMEN B. COLLANTES

This is to serve notice that **CARMEN B. COLLANTES**, a.k.a **Baby Collantes or Carmen Borromeo**, whose picture appears above, is no longer authorized to transact business for and on behalf of Renaissance Enterprises Corp., operator of **Trivia Restaurant** (formerly Vintage Bar and Restaurant) and of Titicaca View Holdings, Inc. operator of **Decades Bar and Restaurant, Morato, Quezon City.**

Ms. Collantes is presently facing criminal charges for Qualified Theft before Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, Branch 82 and for Robbery before the Quezon City Prosecution Office.

Any transaction entered into by said individual on behalf of the 2 Companies within the last 12 months from date hereof should be immediately referred to the Management thereof for evaluation as to its authenticity and validity.

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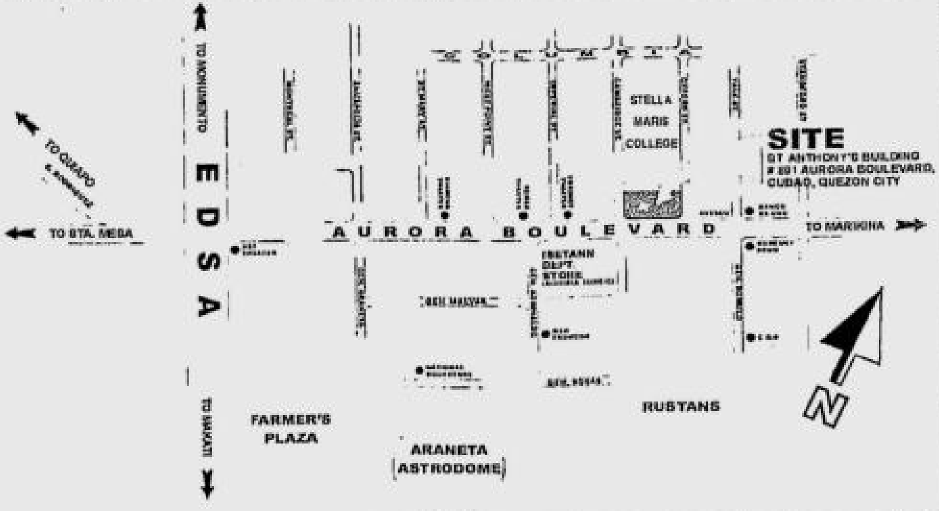


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES
Regional Office No. 4
2nd Floor, ICC Building, NIA Complex
EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION FOR NGOs TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office No. IV invites Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to prequalify and bid for services to implement community organizing work in the following bays under the Income Diversification Component of the Fisheries Resource Management Project (FRMP).

BAY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITIES
Ragay Gulf	Quezon	Buenavista, Guinayangan, Tagkawayan
Honda Bay	Palawan	Puerto Princesa City

NGOs that are to be considered for prequalification preferably should have at least five years relevant experience on community organizing for livelihood development and coastal resource management in the provinces and areas mentioned above.

The general scope of work involves organization work to establish community-based organizations; continuing assistance to the community organizations to build up membership and develop leadership and capability in undertaking coastal resource management and micro-enterprise activities; and assistance in FRMP implementation at local levels.

Amount the specific activities to be undertaken by the selected NGO includes:

1. Strengthening of fisherfolk associations and other self-help groups in the coastal communities to engage in income diversification and micro-enterprise activities:
2. Initiation of primary cooperatives to essentially become multi-purpose cooperatives, giving more attention to complementation of water-based and land based activities;
3. Assist BFAR in the conduct of education and training that is focused in mobilizing the organizational capability of their cooperatives to access external opportunities and potentials towards empowerment;
4. Assist BFAR in the conduct of LGU planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of various CRM concepts and best practices; and; institutionalization of such in the local development plans; and
5. Continue the unfinished scope of work by the previous contracted NGO in the said Bay.

Interested NGOs must submit notarized prequalification statements together with the required documents to the BFAR Regional Office No. IV which have jurisdiction over the areas where they are interested in working. Documents must be properly "tabbed" to correspond with each pre-qualification requirement and should be received not later than 5:00 PM on August 31, 2002. Attention: The Chairperson, Prequalification, Evaluation and Awards Committee. Forms for prequalification and list of required documents may be obtained from the BFAR Regional Office No. IV.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR MS. ROSA F. MACAS
ADDRESS: 2nd Flr, ICC Bldg., NIA Road, NIA Compound,
EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City
CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: 926-86-16 (Telefax);
926-19-01, 926-60-71 to 79 Local 192, 193 & 194

BFAR Regional Office No. IV reserves the right to reject any or all bids as well as to waive any defect or informality in the submitted bid documents. It also reserves the prerogative to accept any bid it may consider as most responsive and advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **ROSA F. MACAS**
Regional Director

(PDI - August 11 & 18. 2002)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
Responding Through Responsible Gaming

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 02-06-2002

In lieu of our publications dated **February 16-18, 2002** at The Philippine Star and Today, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all authorized/legitimate firms engaged in the tailoring business in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Project : Supply & Delivery
Uniform Vest for Table Supervisors
Approved Budget : Seventeen Million Five Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Ten Pesos (P17,594,010.00)

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Division (SRED), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **August 7, 2002 to August 30, 2002** at the BAC Secretariat Unit (BSU), PPD, 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila, Tel. No. 523-2296, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)**. In order to secure the documents, interested bidders should primarily submit a **Letter of Intent** to the BSU **not later than 5:00 p.m., August 27, 2002.**

Pre-Bid Conference : September 13, 2002 (10:00 a.m.)
Submission of Bids : September 30, 2002 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
Opening of Bids : September 30, 2002 (2:00 p.m.)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract for any justifiable reason including among others, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public officers or employees of the agency or the BAC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures *(Executive Order 40, Sec. 29)*.

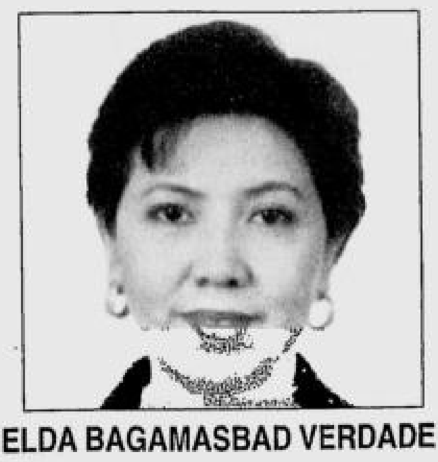
Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO
Chairperson, BAC-3

(PDI - Aug 11 & 18 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby advised that **IMELDA BAGAMASBAD VERDADERO**, whose last known address is at #11 Rainbow Street, Bricktown Subdivision, 2 Moodwalk, Parañaque, Metro Manila or #1 Istanbul Street corner Guadalajara, Merville Subdivision, Parañaque City has resigned from PHILIPPINE COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, INC. effective June 7, 2002.



IMELDA BAGAMASBAD VERDADERO

Any transaction which may have been entered into by Ms. Verdadero purportedly in behalf of the Corporation after said date shall no longer be honored.

PHILIPPINE COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, INC.
PCCI Corporate Center
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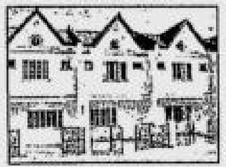

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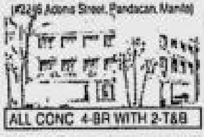

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(Sgd.) **AVP ANTONETTE L. FERNANDEZ**
Vice-Chairperson
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(PDI--Aug. 18, 2002)

TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

Date August 6, 2002
Reference No. :

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Project : **Sp01.OPGWNT.Le-0331, Installation of Optical fiber Groundwire (OPGW), Joint Boxes and Accessories for the Naga - Tayabas Line**
2. The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all construction plant, labor, materials, supplies, tools and equipment (except materials and equipment specified to be furnished by TRANSCO), installing complete the Optical Fiber GroundWire (OPGW) for the Naga - Tayabas Line.
3. Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid: **P 11,583,419.00**
4. Application for eligibility is open to Filipino contractors with the following valid License and Registration Particulars issued by PCAB.
   License Particular: **Category B - Specialty in Electrical Works**
   Registration Particular: **Medium A - Electrical Works**
5. Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance starting **August 14, 2002** at the Bids and Contracts Management Department, Second Floor, Building No. 2, NPC-OBC, National Power Corporation, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No.: 921-23-08 upon presentation of Letter of Intent, original PCAB License and a payment of non-refundable fee of P 800.00 per copy.
6. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility Forms documents and statement shall be on or before September 3, 2002 and shall be submitted at the registration office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be acceptecd.
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	1:30	99	MANTIO
	3:30	FRIEND	CENTRAL STATION
	6:30	FAST FOOD, FAST WOMEN	WHAT TIME IS IT THERE?
	8:30	DOG DAYS	ATANARJUAT
	10:30	NO MAN'S LAND	SEAFOOD
Aug. 18 (Sun.)	10:30	BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER	FOLLOWING
	1:30	ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA	FRIEND
	3:30	A CITY OF SADNESS	EATING AIR
	6:30	ATANARJUAT	WHAT TIME IS IT THERE?
	8:30	CENTRAL STATION	A PORNOGRAPHIC AFFAIR
	10:30	HOLLYWOOD HONG KONG	QUITTING
Aug. 19 (Mon.)	10:30	WATERBOYS	BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER
	1:30	EATING AIR	THE GIRL FROM PARIS
	3:30	DOG DAYS	FRIEND
	6:30	FAST FOOD, FAST WOMEN	SEAFOOD
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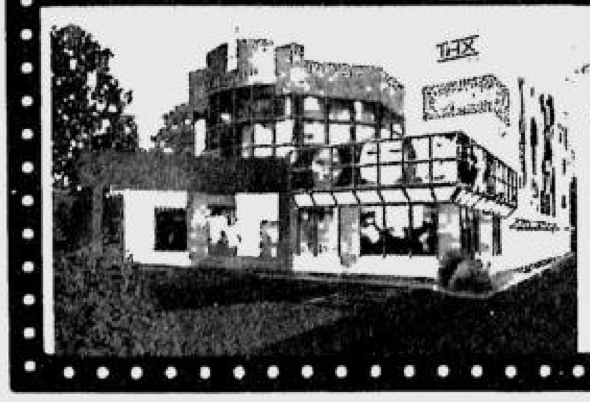

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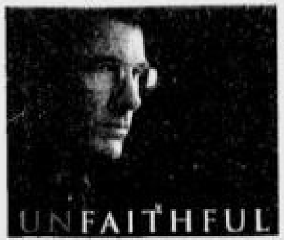

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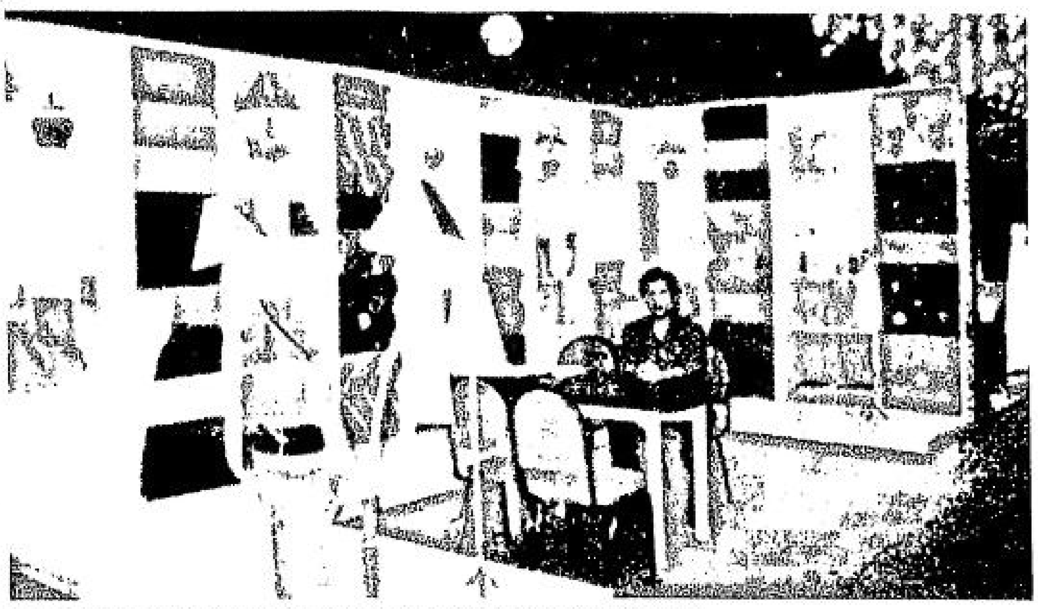
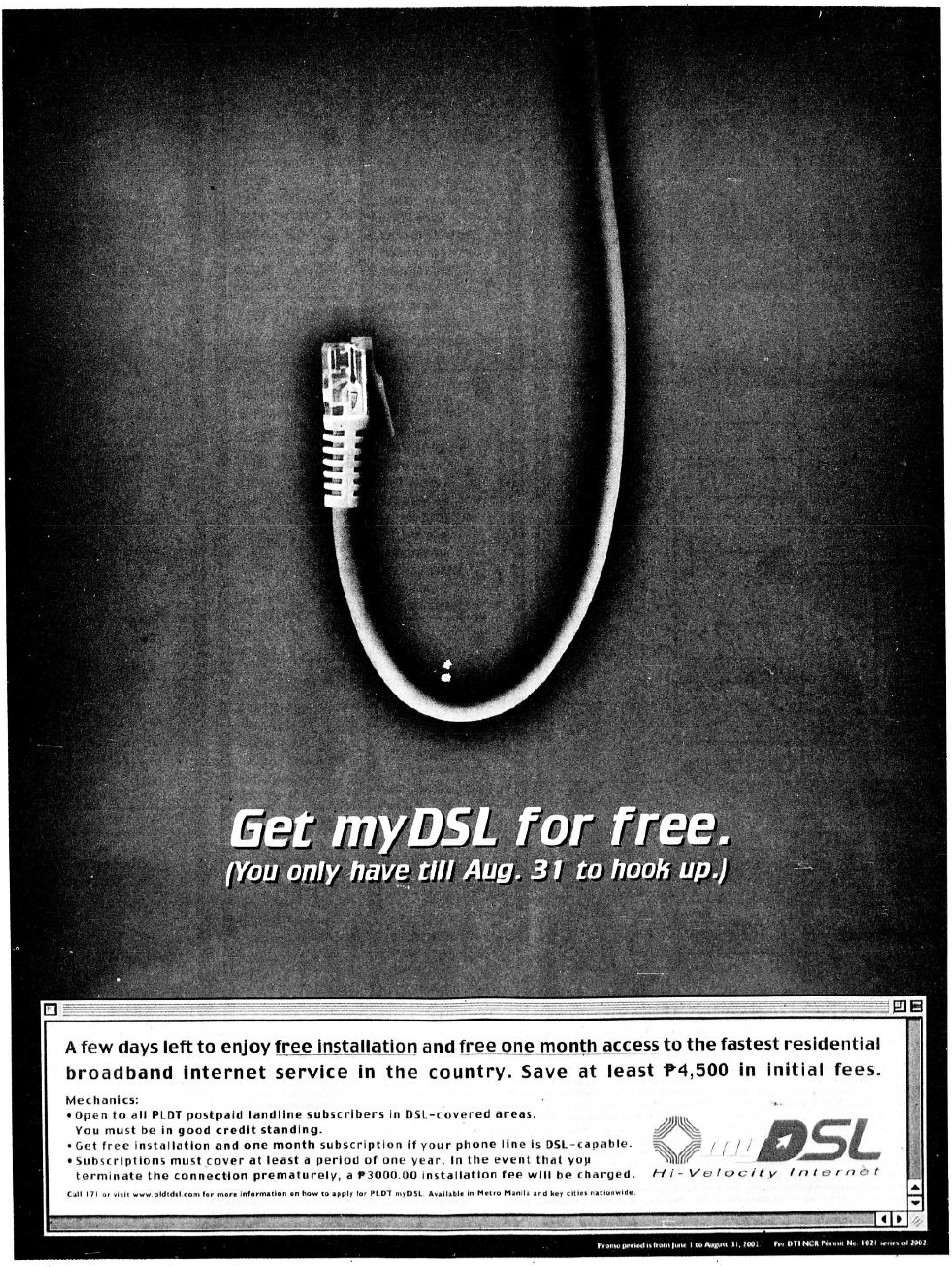


LANOT paper proprietor Bernard Langurayan in his display center



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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

Probing Cheche Lazaro

PLAYTIME

By the staff

CECILIA "Cheche" Lazaro is turning into the dean of the newsmagazine show on Philippine television.

Host for 15 years of the multiawarded "The Probe Team," she also heads Probe Productions, which gets credit for the social-issues programs "The Probe Team" and "I-Witness," the kiddie show "5 & Up," "Gameplan," "The Good News" and the arts-and-culture show "Cheche Lazaro Presents"—all on GMA 7.

A speech and drama graduate from the University of the Philippines, she took her master's in radio and television at the University of Michigan. While in the United States, she worked in a small firm until she returned to the Philippines with her husband Delfin (who later became the energy secretary of the Aquino Administra-

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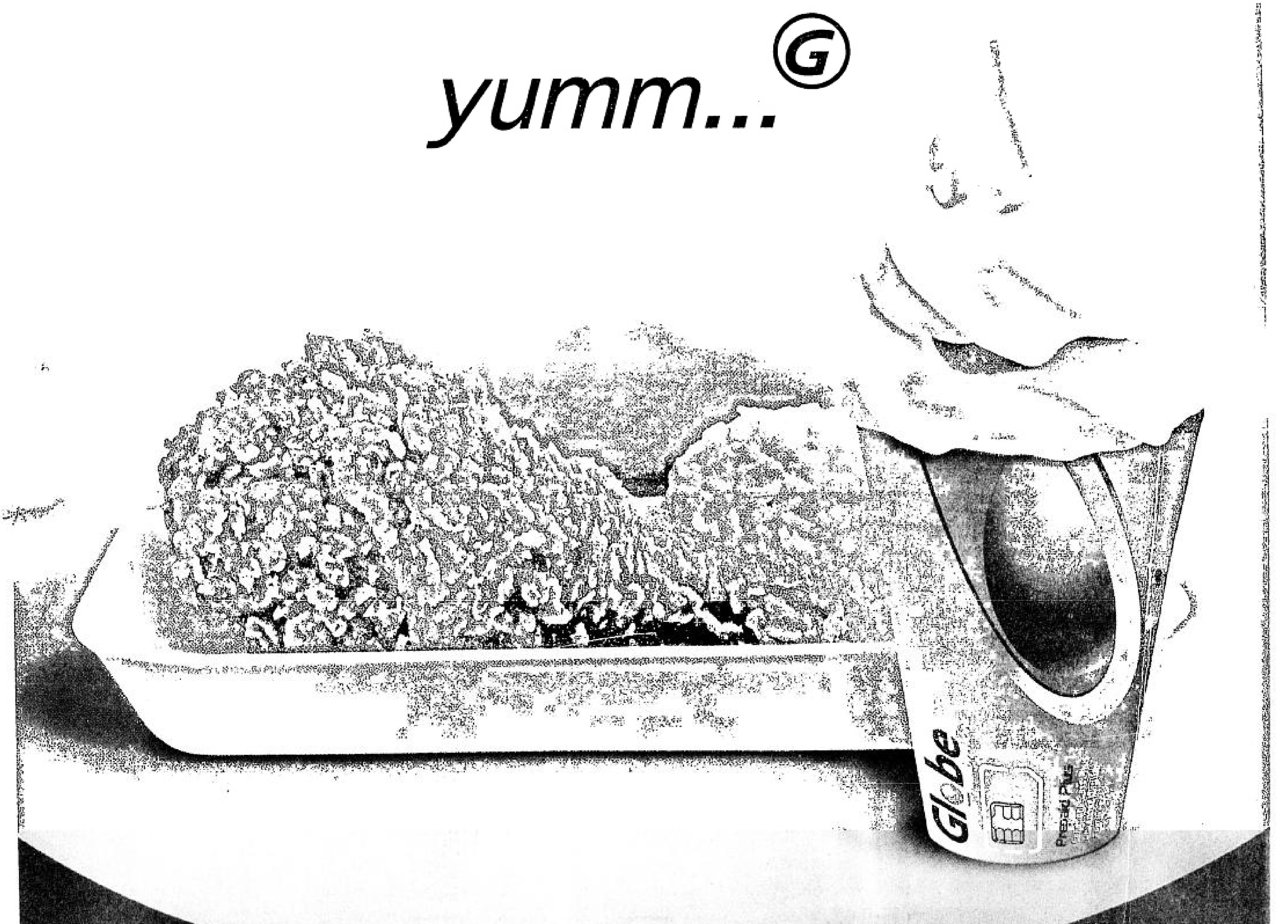

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Past-President: Phil. Urological Association (PUA)

TRICKs OR TREATment?
Knowing the Best Solution to E.D.

Introduction to Part 2

Men can still be very superstitious - believing in false solutions (in the guise of aphrodisiacs) to aid their "inability to perform." There's a long list of these so-called answers to their "malfunction" which includes exotic spices, soup number five, balut ... and so on. But erectile dysfunction (ED) is a real problem which requires a real solution. So now, science overrules superstition with a list of its own more reliable treatments.

... Erectile dysfunction (ED) is a real problem which requires a real solution. So now, science overrules superstition with a list of its own more reliable treatments.

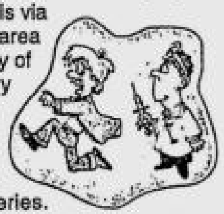
The available treatment options for ED are:

VACUUM CONSTRICTION DEVICES

This is the simplest erectile therapy because it is self-administrative. It requires a plastic cylindrical device with a pump and tension ring attachment. The penis is placed inside the cylinder. By applying pressure to the pump, a vacuum is produced within the tube. The resulting negative pressure causes rapid blood flow into the penis - thus, simulating an erection within a few minutes. A tension ring is slipped off the cylinder onto the base of the penis to constrict and maintain the erection. The cylinder is then removed. The ring must be removed within 30 minutes of application. Once the tension ring is loosened, the penis returns to its flaccid state.

INTRACAVERNOSAL INJECTIONS

This is the first invasive diagnostic procedure for ED to be carried out. The action involves a stimulating agent injected into the base of the penis via a small needle. The injectible area is the corpus cavernosum, or any of the 2 "caverns" that is divided by the large vein which runs between the length of the penis. An erection is brought about by the relaxation of the smooth muscle and dilation of the arteries. Onset of action is 10-20 minutes after injection and the erection lasts for 30-60 minutes.



INTRAURETHRAL SUPPOSITORY

This therapy makes use of the drug, Alprostadil. Its delivery mechanism allows patients to administer the medication through the urethra with an easy applicator. This is best "administered" while sitting or standing. With gentle compression applied from the top to the bottom of the glands, the penis is gently and slowly stretched upward to its full length. This straightens and opens the urethra. Then slowly, the applicator stem is inserted into the urethra up to the collar of the penis. Insertion up to the collar is very important as this ensures proper absorption of the medicated pellet. Now, holding the penis upright and stretched - penis is rolled firmly between palms for at least 10 seconds. This assures adequate distribution of the medication along the walls of the urethra. To increase blood flow to the penis and improve the quality of the erection, patient should walk around for 10 minutes. Another 10 minutes' wait is required before sexual intercourse. The medication takes about 5-10 minutes to work and the erection lasts 30-60 minutes. This method is only available abroad.

SURGERY

A. Penile Vascular Surgery

The objective of this procedure is to restore and increase blood flow to the corpus cavernosum (penile erectile body). An artery is taken from any branch of the lower abdomen and directly connected to the penile artery (much like a bypass operation). This method is almost abandoned due to its low success rate and with the advent of the oral treatments for ED which produce the same results.

B. Penile Implantation

The most expensive among the available treatments, this method has been paralleled to silicone breasts enlargements. The implants are called Penile Prostheses. This treatment is not very popular because of its unnatural stigma and the trauma it may bring to the patient, but this method produces the fastest results. The action is mechanically hydraulic. Malleable cylindrical rods are implanted into the length of the penis. A reservoir of fluid will be implanted in the abdomen, as well with a valve or pump in the scrotum. Activation of the valve directs the fluid from the reservoir into the erection device - thus, producing an erection. This procedure is usually reserved as a last resort for those patients with severe ED, when all other conservative measures fail.

Next Week: Part 3
Oral Treatment and Counselling

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU...

Answer this question: Which among the treatments discussed above do you think an ED patient will prefer?

A. vacuum device
B. penile injection
C. urethral suppository
D. penile surgery/implant
E. none of the above

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Should you have questions about E.D. or comments regarding this column, please write to: Pfizer mEDex (**mEDex@Pfizer.com**).

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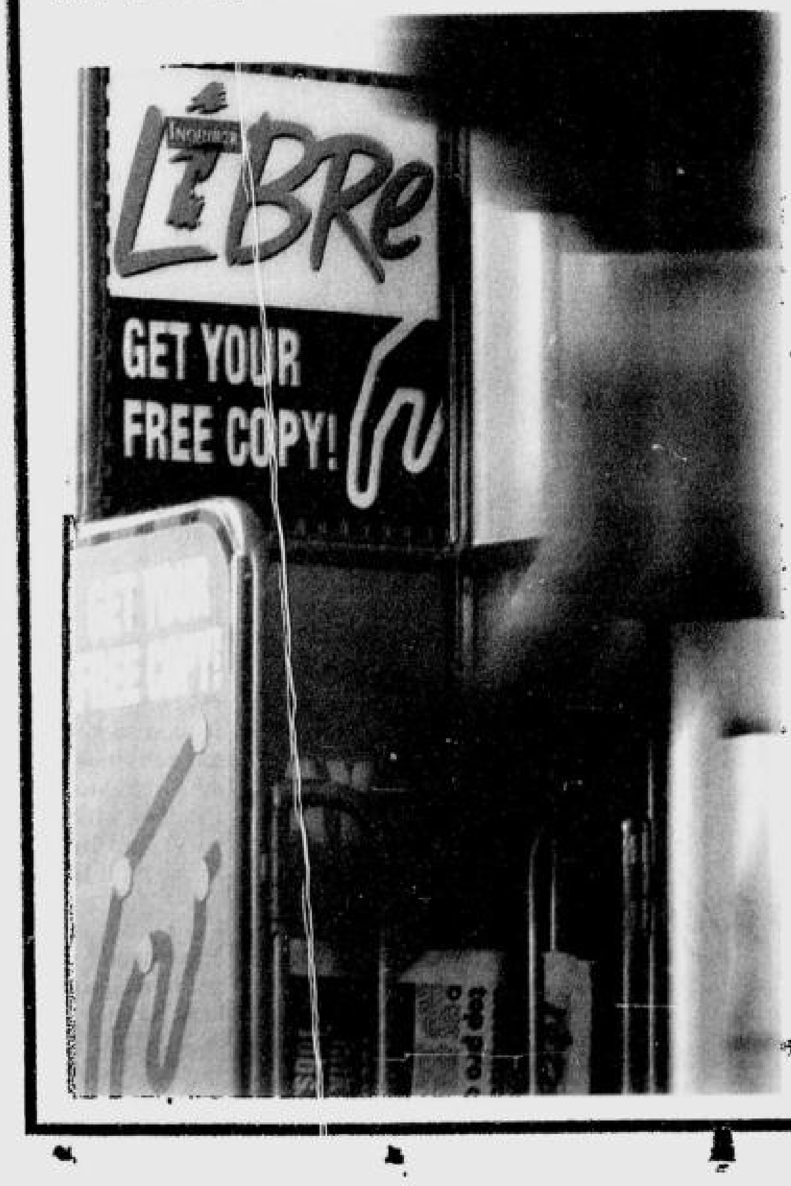

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Probing Cheche Lazaro

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tion) at the start of the martial-law years, when most everyone else would have wanted to flee abroad.

She taught at the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communications, where she chaired its broadcast department for three years. Then she chanced upon an extra job on television with no inkling she would become the broadcast personality that she is now. Twenty years after teaching in UP, she had to give up her professorial chair to concentrate on her TV shows.

"Probe" went on to become a Hall of Famer in the Catholic Mass Media Awards. The first Philippine investigative TV newsmagazine to win international recognition, its host-anchor has received just as many, if not more, awards and recognition.

The show recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with Cheche and her reporters spending three days à la "Survivor," sweating it out and having extreme fun in the outdoors. The two episodes shown on TV have revealed how this petite woman, who delivers her TV spiel with calm authority, can be as *kalog* as they come.

PHOTOS: JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

How did you start on TV?

When I was growing up as a kid, I read an investigative report by Rod Reyes when he was still a reporter for Manila Times. He did a report on a drug ring. He disguised himself as a drug addict. That became imprinted on my mind. I was so impressed that somebody, a young person, could be so enterprising. In the US, I was also impressed by a story on the Ku Klux Klan made by a young reporter who disguised himself as a black person. So I thought, if investigative pieces were being done for print, why not for TV?

That's how the idea of "Probe" was born. And I was an avid "60 Minutes" watcher. In the US, I used to watch it religiously. And so I said, why don't we put up a program? I was with ABS-CBN at that time, and I suggested doing something called "Probe." But ABS decided that they wanted to do it only on occasion. I felt that to be effective, you had to be more regular in order to build an audience for investigative newsmagazines. I decided to set up my own company. That's how Probe Productions was born. And I approached Channel 7 and we did the Yamashita treasure as our first special.

And then we did something on the Doña Paz ship tragedy. Remember, when 3,000 people died? We went to the pier and we had shots of these bodies floating. I can't forget the wailing, the crying when the bodies would come in. Somehow, you got disgusted with the inefficiency of government services and of the Coast Guard. Then we did MV Marilyn after that, and several more stories. We kept on building our archival material. Every time there was an issue, we always went back to our archival material to show that this was not just one isolated incident, that there had been a precedent. Channel 7 agreed to take us on a regular basis and that's where we've been ever since. So we spent one year in ABS and 14 years in Channel 7.

Your show has gone into sports.

We did a mountain-climbing special. All six reporters, who are also young—Robert Alejandro, Eliza Zamora, Bernadette Sembrano, Love Añover, Jay Orense and myself—were assigned two to a team, and we went up to three mountains. *Kami ni* Robert, *umakyat kami sa* Mt. Pulag; Bernadette and Eliza went to Mt. Dulang-dulang, somewhere in Cagayan; and Love and Jay went to Mt. Apo.

There was also an episode on participative journalism, where you were a bus conductor?

You saw that? My God! *Mahilig sa mga* surprises *ito'ng mga* producers *ng* "Probe." They're young, they're very creative and they're crazy. So *ako, pinag*-report *ako noon, sabi*, "Please come to the office at 2 a.m." Can you give me an idea of what you're supposed to do? "Well, just be ready for a rugged day and come wearing your mountain clothes." So I wore my mountain shoes, I came in jeans, *tapos* I came in a blouse then I brought a

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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GENERIC ZOO

ACROSS
1 "It Must Be Him" singer
5 Summoned electronically
10 Svelte
14 "— Said" ('61 hit)
18 Gallimaufry
19 Madrid month
20 Famed fabulist
22 Word with history or hygiene
23 Kids' TV show?
26 Move like a mouse
27 Studio sign
28 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
29 Clarinetist Artie
31 Security grp.
32 Tidy
35 Put together
38 Author Willa
40 Marx Brothers film?
46 "— go bragh!"
47 Southern constellation
48 O'Hara homestead
49 Datebook abbr.
51 Corn color
54 Director Zoltan
57 Knot
60 "The — Time" ('65 hit)
62 Cub Scout group
63 Offend
65 Certain heron
66 Prankish
67 Exec's deg.
68 Model Carre
70 Snitch
71 Dog star?
72 Eyebrow shape
73 Norm
76 "The Wind in the Willows" setting?
80 Boxing expert Fleischer
81 Saperstein or Lincoln
82 La — Tar Pits
83 Squirrel's snack
84 Astronaut Armstrong
86 Apex
87 Cassandra or Merlin
88 Continental currency
90 Wheel features
94 Absent
95 Bloomsbury buggy
96 Labor leader George
97 Chef Jeff
98 City on the Mohawk
100 Compact —
102 Not — many words
105 Milne creature
106 Canal feature
108 Poe short story?
113 Shortstop Reese
115 Sphere starter
116 Connecticut campus
117 Where to find an incus
118 Moss or Mulgrew
121 "Eugene Onegin" character
124 Striped stone
128 Urban problem
130 "Joy to the World" rockers?
135 Caesar's cohort
136 It makes candy dandy
137 Future officer
138 Algerian port
139 Black
140 Actor McClure
141 Declare
142 "Peter Pan" pooch

DOWN
1 James of "Murder by Death"
2 One of the Osmonds
3 Philbin's co-host
4 Pasta type
5 JFK Library architect
6 Magnuson or Dvorak
7 Tiffany treasures
8 Part of Q.E.D.
9 Sounds of music
10 Kind of cross
11 Sophisticated
12 Egyptian deity
13 Japheth's father
14 TV's "The — Squad"
15 Comic book hero?
16 One of the Osmonds
17 Hitching post?
21 Locale
24 Locale
25 Long-necked bird
30 Cordiality
33 Pangolin's morsel
34 TV-listing abbr.
36 Worked in Vegas
37 Kreskin's letters
39 Carrere or Mowry
40 Scottish storyteller
41 Blood component
42 "Invaders from —" ('53 film)
43 Press
44 Malaga quaff
45 '84 Daryl Hannah film
50 Kilt material
52 African equine
53 Pass into law
55 Couple
56 Utah resort
58 Fine steed
59 Cortege
61 Libra's symbol
64 Lumberjack's cry
69 Peanut butter or jelly
71 38 Across heroine
73 Couturier Jean
74 "It's — time!"
75 Elton John hit?
77 Loner
78 Atmosphere
79 They're often glossed over
85 Actor Herbert
87 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"
88 Host
89 Out of — (incompatible)
91 Soprano Te Kanawa
92 007's school
93 Be a farrier
99 Bull's beloved
101 "Quiet!"
103 Overhead item?
104 "Birds — feather . . ."
107 Colleague of Shelley
109 Coll. hotshot
110 Whitman's bloomers
111 Panache
112 Multitude
113 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
114 De Valera of Ireland
119 Heavy blow
120 As a result
122 Aerial annoyance
123 "O patria mia" singer
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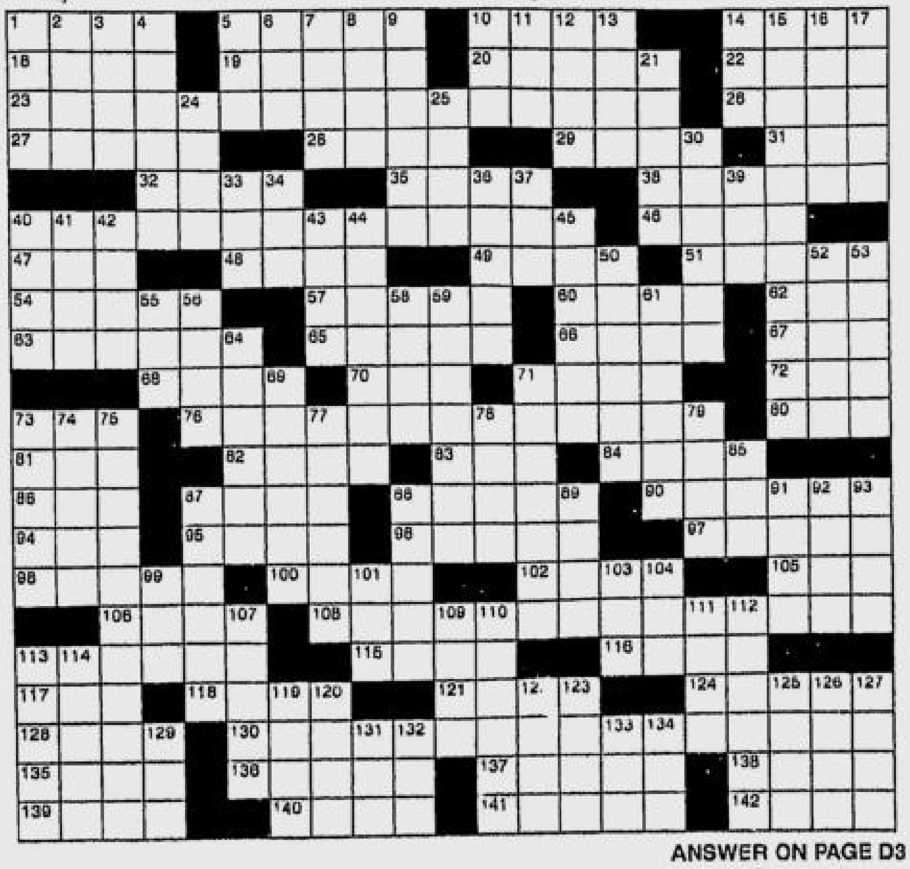
131 — Claire, WI
132 Unit of work
133 Lepidopterist's need
134 When Satie sweltered



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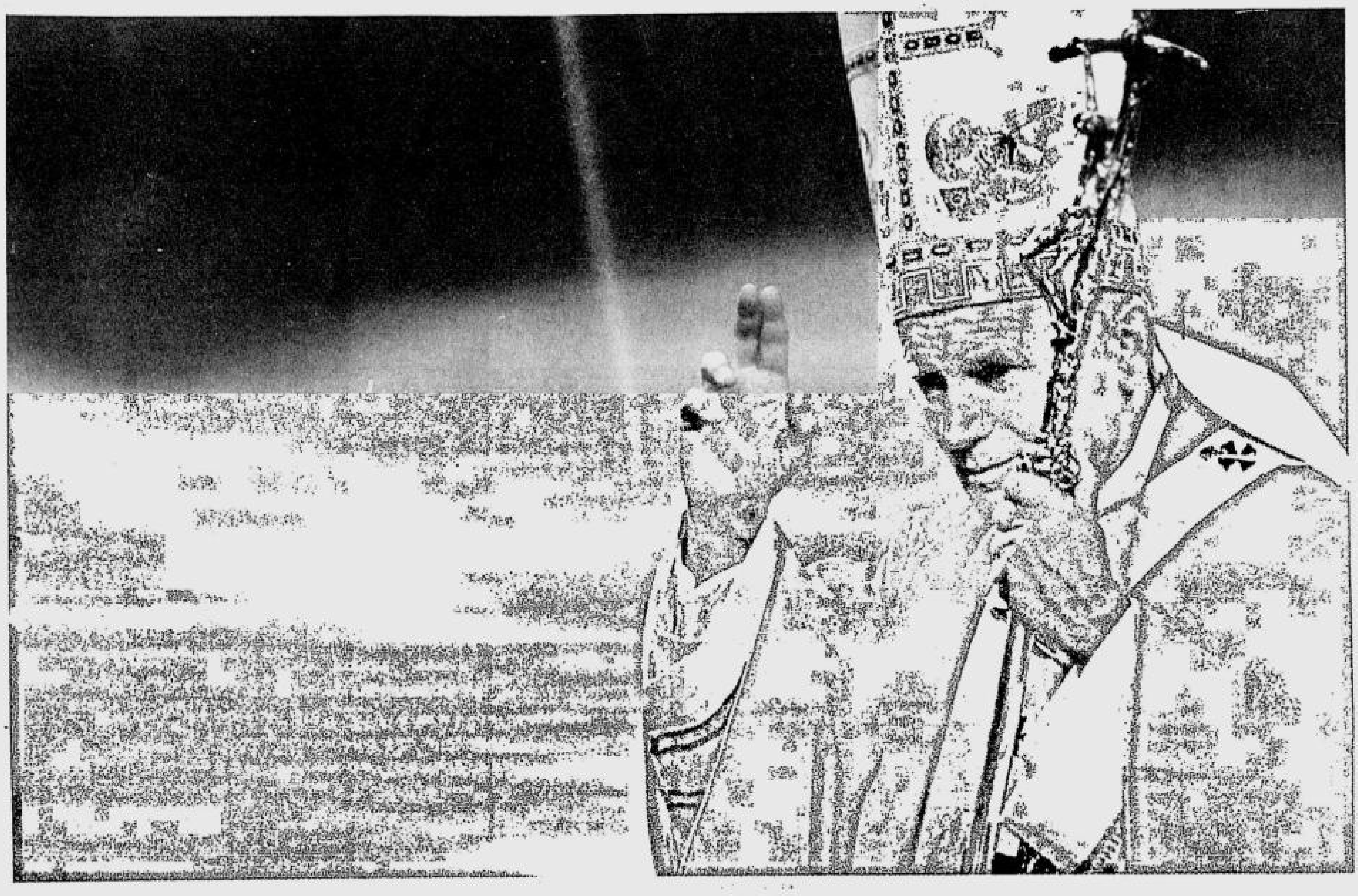

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SMART named the Official Wireless Telecom Sponsor of The 2003 World Meeting of Families In Manila

This early, 2003 is shaping up to be a year of historical proportions for the Philippines. Because come January, the country will be proudly hosting the 4th World Meeting of Families in Manila.

Inaugurated in Rome, Italy in 1994, the World Meeting of Families brings together families from different nations and cultures. It serves as a forum to discuss various topics pertaining to family life and what answers the Roman Catholic Church can offer on these issues.

Every celebration is organized under a particular theme. The inaugural had the theme *"The Family: Heart of the Civilization of Love."* In 1997 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the theme was *"Family: Gift and Commitment, Hope for Humanity."* The millennium celebration, again held in Rome, revolved on the theme *"Children: Springtime of the Family and Society."* Next year's celebration will have the theme *"The Christian Family: Good News for the Third Millennium."*

A part of the World Meeting of Families is the International Pastoral and Theological Congress. It is a gathering of bishops, priests, religious, and lay people, with the purpose of preparing the families for their actual meeting with the Pope – the highlight of the celebrations.

In line with all these, SMART Communications gives its support to this event as the official wireless telecom sponsor. Because SMART believes that any event that lends empowerment to society – with the family being its most basic unit – is surely worth supporting. SMART encourages everyone to prepare for and participate in the activities of the 4th World Meeting of Families, which shall be graced by Pope John Paul II Himself.

For more information, you may get in touch with your local parish.

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Hunk John Hall w/ GF Ava.

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Pravda's Paolo Trillo w/ PBA's Janelle So

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SMART's Godkitchen VIP section gets jampacked.

NU Rock: Atom Henares w/ Joy Castillo & Emily Cruz

MTV Crew: Sigrid Villamil, Danni Lim, Anne Matoto

SMART came, SMART saw, SMART partied!

SMART's Godskitchen dance event conquered the NBC Tent

Randy Ortiz & Tonichi Nocum

Bench's big boss Ben Chan

Wink's Rhett Eala

Models Chris Petterson, Avi Siwa & Kit Barraquias

PEPPER TEEHANKEE

During the 80's, it was disco that ruled. Remember Louie Y's Stargazer & Wherelse, Ernest Santiago's CocoBanana & Subway and Bobong Velez's Faces? The 90's came, and "cocooning" became the buzzword, as prophesied by Ms. Faith Popcorn in her bestselling-book The Popcorn Report. Some "institutions" stayed, such as Faces (although short-lived), Wherelse was re-christened "Euphoria", and new establishments tried to take their share of the market, including Club Mars, the popular Giraffe and its tamer-counterpart Venezia.

When the new millennium dawned on us, everyone wanted to have a piece of the party action. In 1999, popular commercial and ramp model Domini Primero was looking for a means to bring the party lifestyle to more people. When he met Malaysian-born DJ Tuck Cheah, more popularly known as "T.C.", a friendship and partnership was born. This led to the formation of the promotions company known as Big Fish, and the party was only starting!

SMART Communications, the country's telecommunications leader, saw Big Fish as a possible organizer for world-class events, and formed a subsequent tie-up with them. Since March of 2002, SMART, in cooperation with Big Fish, has brought to Manila world-renowned DJs such as Paul Van Dyk, Chicane, DJ Gary White of Slinky, Gatecrasher, Global Underground's Dave Seaman as well as the latest, DJ Darren Pearce of Godskitchen. Those events have been consistent crowd-drawers, packing venues such as the Casino Filipino Amphitheater, the pristine-white beaches of Boracay, and the expanse of the NBC Tent. The Godskitchen event held last August 10,2002 at the NBC Tent was filled to the rafters despite the torrential monsoon rains. People came in droves to party and have fun. SMART subscribers were given the red carpet treatment, as they were provided with their own lane alongside the V.I.P.s who attended the event. The SMART booth for SIM-swap and line-switch was very busy that night, with people exchanging their old celfone lines for SMART ones. SMART made available special packages with the latest celfone models available.

SMART Communications and Big Fish will present another series of must-go events starting in October, beginning with CREAM for the annual Halloween party. But before anything else, SMART Communications has sent the winning tandem of DJ T.C. and Domini Primero to the United Kingdom for a brief peek into what the club scene is like on the other side of the world. T.C. will be spinning at the Opera House in Bournemouth, the home of Slinky. He'll be making history as the first-Manila based DJ who will be playing in that venue. Billed as the "DJ Death Match", the event features T.C. of Big Fish, Garry White of Slinky, JFK of Passion and Dean Wilson of Golden.

As the official sponsor for his U.K. trip, DJ Tuck will be bringing SMART Communications' mission of providing every Filipino with world-class innovations thru mobile communication & e-commerce to a brand new market.

The Godkitchen's crowd gets wild & wet.

Godskitchen's resident DJ Darren Pearce

Big Fish resident DJ T.C.

One of the attractions: Ledge dancers wearing nothing but body paint.

Photographer Ronnie Salvacion w/ editor Noel Manapat

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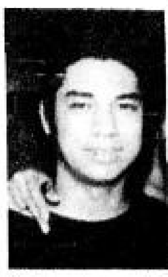
Sprite's Mr. Salamingkero Mike Oliveros w/ friend Dean

Viva Entertainment's Sidney Fortun & Soleil's Sarah Houshier

Rustom Padilla, Maurice Arcache, Tricia & Philip Cu-Unjieng, Ritchie Santos

ETC. host JC Gonzalez catches up w/ Forward ed-in-chief TJ Manotoc

PEP's Tricia Avecilla w/ MTV's Kathy Alejar


Calcarrie model Oscar Lava

Model Edith

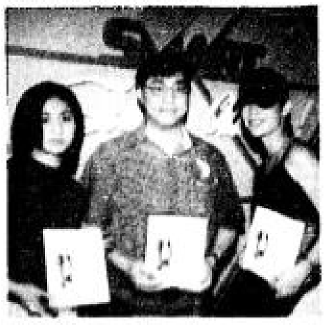
"Don't bother me, I am busy, don't you see?", quips Luis Manzano

The ever-gorgeous and talented Cutie Del Mar

Mega's Minelli Bautista & Sari2x GP Reyes

The SMART ledge dancers don white hot outfits.

Parokya Ni Edgar's Vinci Pompaner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Probing Cheche Lazaro

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jacket *pa, kasi lamigin ako.* So I got to the office at 2, *sabi nila,* "Okay, we're going to leave now. *Punta tayo sa* bus station."

So finally, *pagdating namin* sa Mariano Bus Station. "Come with me," *sabi sa akin.* So *sumunod naman ako dito sa* producer. *Tapos sabi niya dun sa* office manager, "Sir, *si* Cheche Lazaro, *eto ho 'yung bago ninyong konduktora* for the day." So *sabi niya, "Ikaw, ang ruta mo* Novaliches *hanggang* Baclaran *at pabalik. Ang* first trip *mo. alas-sais. Mag*-report *ka dun sa* cashier, *bibigyan ka ng panukli.*" (Laughs) My producer printed out the fares, from Novaliches to the first stop, *magkano yung sisingilin mo, tapos* from the next stop to the next, you had to figure out *kung magkano 'yung babayaran. Sabi ko, "Pa'no ko gagawin ito eh ang hina ko pa naman sa* math?" (Laughter) So *sabi ko,* "My God, *pa'no ba to?*" I had to wear a red T-shirt *kasi* that was their uniform. Then I was introduced to the *konduktora* of the regular bus. *Sabi niya, "Siya ang makakasama mo ngayon."*

Nag-umpisa 'yung trip *namin* at 6. *Nung una pa lang na*-confused *na ako kasi ang dami-daming sumasakay*. It was a regular bus, *walang* air-con.

What were the reactions of the passengers?

Ay, cute *yon*! So, [they] would pay, *ano? Eh ang tagal-tagal ko, kasi titingin pa ako sa kodigo.* One guy was irritated. The other ones *naman, "Saan ho?"* They gave me the name [of the place]. So *bibigyan ko sila ng* ticket. "*Mama, 'yung bayad ninyo.*" "*Ikaw ba si—konduktora ba 'to?*" (Laughs) And it was so cute *kasi sabi ko, "Oho, trabaho ko ho ito ngayon.*" And they would laugh and engage me in conversation. Some would ask for autographs. *Siyempre*, I felt so guilty *kasi* I wanted to sell many tickets, because it was her (conductor's) money, *'di ba*? And *may* boundary *sila*. So at the end of the day, P200 *lang 'yung nakuha niya, imbes na* P250 or P300, or *naka*-extra trip, *kasi* I was slow.

Until what time was your shift?

Hanggang alas-siyete ng gabi. Alas-otso na kami natapos. It was a 12-hour day. *Tapos noong* lunch, *nag*-break *kami sa istasyon*. I wasn't hungry for some reason. *Siya, binibigyan ng* free soup. *Pero* soup *nila* was almost dishwater, *and* some *pampalasa. 'Yun lang ang kinakain niya tapos 'yung isang pirasong* pork *na puro taba. Ako naman,* I ordered *pancit*. But I could not eat, so I gave it to her. She really worked hard; *talagang* she was trying to get all the passengers, *kasi marami siyang mawawalang pera*!

And then, at one point, *may mga pulis na sumakay. Sabi ko, "Mama,* ticket *ho?" Tingin* [*sila*] *sa akin. "Hindi ba natin ti*-ticket*an 'to?*" "Ma'am, *hindi ho nagbabayad 'yan, eh.*" "*Ah,*" *sabi ko,* "*hindi puwede.*" *Sabi ko, "Mamang pulis, bayad ho muna ng* ticket. *Lahat ho ng sumasakay dito nagbabayad ng* ticket." *Bayad sila.* And then the next stop, they got off. *Sabi nung konduktora, "Alam mo, baka magalit sa amin 'yan.*" So I felt kind of guilty *kasi baka balikan sila*.

But I enjoyed the episode. I was so tired. *Pag-uwi ko,* when I took a bath, the water was brown because of the dirt and the pollution.

What would you say was your most unforgettable episode?

The stories that touch me the most are about ordinary people. We did "Batang Bakaw" in the Navotas fish port. This was another shoot at 2 a.m. *'Yung mga bata, bande-bandehado magbenta ng isda*. It was noisy, very colorful and activity-filled. There were little children—3, 4 years old—*meron silang panungkit at maliit na timba. 'Yung mga nahuhulog, kinukuha nila at saka nilalagay sa* pail *nila. Ang bilis nilang gumawa*! They got all the fish *na nahuhulog*. It was so pitiful to see these children working like that since, being a mother, I think about my own kids. *Kapag hindi pa dumadating 'yung mga barko sa daungan,* the little kids sat on the pail and slept. And it made you feel so guilty. These were Filipino kids. They should be having opportunities to play, to be free, to laugh, to smile, to have friends. And here they were, at 3 a.m., stealing fish to support their families, and the mothers just sitting at the side, and you wonder, "Who's to blame?"

One time, we did a story on the "Bakal Boys" *diyan din sa* Navotas. These children go out early in the morning or late in the afternoon, and they look for *tahong* underwater that they sell in the bucket. They breathe through a little tubing. It's very dangerous for their health. First of all, the water is polluted. Secondly, when they're breathing through the tubing, they don't get purified air. It's air that is generated. They're young lungs. They have scabies *dahil sa dumi ng tubig*.

We did a story on the "Rugby [boys]" *diyan sa likod ng* CCP. These are young children who run away from home, live behind the CCP grounds and then steal from the *palengke* to buy rugby and sniff it. I feel guilty as a Filipino. [I ask myself], "What am I doing?"

We did another episode on children who lived in the cemetery. They lived on top of the tombs. They slept there at night because they ran away from homes where they were abused. There was one little boy who stood apart from the group. He had Band Aid on the chin and on the right knee. *Kasi nung natutulog siya sa* top *nung nitso*, like a little kid, *malikot, nahulog siya.* So *nagkasugat siya*. I took him home. I put him in a home and he now goes to school.

Did you have problems with censors?

Noon, we did a story on comfort women. You remember Lola Rosa? We were the first to interview her. She was so sweet but hesitant to talk. She pointed us to another woman, who was also in her 70s. We went to her house. *Tapos, pinapakuwento ko.* Her granddaughter was beside her. *Sabi niya, "Pinasok ako sa isang kuwarto ng isang* Japanese officer." "*Ano ho ang ginawa sa inyo?*" "*Aba, eh, ginahasa ako.*" *Tapos sabi niya, "Ang sakit-sakit ng aking puki!*" because it had been 24 hours. So *nung natutulog 'yung* officer, *lumabas daw siya.* "*Wala akong* panties." *Duguan daw siya, tumakbo siya palabas.*

Nilabas namin sa show. The MTRCB slapped us with a P25,000 fine for using the word *puki*. But I felt, this wasn't arousing prurient interest. This was a 77-year-old woman describing her abuse. I tried to defend the show, but they said no. They still fined us.

By the way, at the end of the interview, the granddaughter was sobbing. She embraced her *lola* because it was the first time that she had heard her tell the story. *Sabi ko sa* MTRCB *noon*, if that was prurient interest, I don't think that granddaughter would have sobbed or embraced her grandmother.

Anyway, we did the same story again. We went to Japan to follow the *lolas* because they were filing a case in the International High Tribunal. They won the case, and that special that we did for "I-Witness" won the silver medal at the New York Festival. There, they described in great detail what happened to them, including the prejudice they suffered. Stories like these make our work worth it.

Have you ever had clashes with government officials because of your show?

Mr. Estrada did not like the story we did on him when he was running for public office. He shut us out of the campaign. Later on, I found out that he hadn't even seen the piece. But people told him it was unfavorable because I asked questions like, "Are you an alcoholic?" Well, I guess they expected a more favorable [story], and we didn't do it. But in fairness to everybody, we also did a thorough presentation of the other candidates.

What do you think is the winning formula?

We try to look for different ways of telling the story. We try to put a lot of heart into it. When we're in journalism school we're taught the who, what, when, where and how. We ask the sixth question, the why. We try to analyze. But we try to cut it down to its bare minimum. We try to explain it, using the simplest language and using the simplest ways of demonstration. We try to tell a story. I used to tell my class that the best kind of storytelling is gossip because it's spontaneous, it's easy. The words you use are very easy, and once you start gossiping, it's like a rolling stone, *'di ba*? The only difference is, we try to tell the story in a gossipy form, but using facts.

Would you say your style is more laid-back than the competition, or more aggressive?

Aggressive, in the way that we get the story. But laid-back in the sense that we try to get all sides. In fact, we don't run the story unless we have made a double effort to get the other side. We delay the story until all the pieces are in place.

Did you produce "I-Witness"?

Yes, we used to produce "I-Witness." We don't anymore. We produced it for two years.

You produced the episode on pit bulls?

Yes, we did.

Were there a lot of negative reactions?

Yes, from pit bull owners whose dogs competed in the pit. They complained how we got the video. We were able to show footage of how the pit bulls attacked each other. The point we were trying to make was that it was savage. Cruelty to animals. [The owners] were suspicious on how we got it. But this is part of the work that we do. We procure materials to prove our point.

How's "Probe" rating now?

Very well.

Are you No. 1 on your timeslot?

(Smiles) Sometimes. We have a constant viewership, which we're very happy about. One of the shows we did was called "Mistah," about the Philippine Military Academy. We went to PMA, and they allowed us into their mess hall. And it was shown on TV for the first time how freshmen cadets were harassed by upperclassmen. There were about four plebes and three upperclassmen, and me, at the table. Now the upperclassmen just barked orders, left and right (mocks)—"Hey, pass on!" and "Pass the rice!" "Yes sir!" And then, "*Hala! Bakit ganyan ang mukha mo?*" It was so embarrassing for me. (Laughter). *Kasi* I was eating in the middle of this table. I was like a plebe, I could not eat!

That episode rated 13 percent, which was unusual for a show at that late hour. We're not always No. 1. I mean, I think it's so *mayabang* to say that we are No. 1 always. (Laughs)

Most of the time.

I don't know! (Laughs) My God, *baka sabihin* [*na*] PDI is lying.

If you are not always No. 1, does it bother you?

No, we keep on trying. And *pag nakaka-tsamba kami paminsan-minsan, tuwang-tuwa kami! Sigawan kami sa opisina, tapos* we pat each other and we hug each other. And we make *yabang* to each other. But after that, it's back to work again. (Laughs)

So your anniversary special, that was really a test of physical endurance.

I tell you. What a test! And I think I flunked it.

Are you a fitness buff?

No! Do I look like a fitness buff? No!

But you're very fit.

No, I'm not. When we first climbed Mt. Apo two years ago—we were the last climbers before Mt. Apo was closed—I swore that I would never climb again. I'm really not by any measure, a physically fit person. I'm just... an ignorant victim of my producers. A willing, ignorant victim. (Laughter)

So you don't walk on a daily basis or something?

I sleep.

You don't jog?

No. I'm so embarrassed to say this because everybody thinks, when they watch, wow, *galing naman! Sabi ko,* don't believe everything you see on TV.

Anyway, *'yung* special *namin*, that was a test. The producer said, "Bring all of your mountain gear to the office." So I brought all of my mountain gear—and I love camping. My husband and I, when we were still living in the US, we used to take our daughter camping.

So we brought all our camping stuff. One week later, they returned my bag. They said it was too big. And so they said, "Please bring three outfits"—they specified what we were supposed to do. Then they brought us to Davao and we stayed at the Davao Insular. Nice, *sabi ko.* I slept, and the next day, *nag*-training *kami. Sabi nila,* "Okay, we'll just have some water exercises. This is how you save yourself in the water wearing like this" (points to her blouse). I think this was the shirt I was wearing. "Now you jump into the water and you catch the water and you hold it here, and this one balloons." It really does, you should try it. But you should close this here, close everything here. And it balloons and it's—a *salbabida*! "Or else you remove your pants and you make it *salbabida*." *Tinuruan kami. Sabi namin, "Ay, ang saya! Saan namin gagamitin ito?*" "Well, you know, you can never tell," *sabi sa amin. Tapos sabi niya,* "You can also tell the time by using the stick and you can also build a fire." They were teaching us all kinds of things. Sabi nila, "This is just in case. Tomorrow morning, be down here at 5 a.m and don't bring anything. Just wear your bathing suit and your street clothes. Leave your cell phones, you wallets in the *maleta*, which will be stored in the hotel." *Sabi namin, "Ano kaya ito?*"

They fed us well, then they brought us to the heliport in Davao. And then we saw a rescue helicopter. The airport people came out and said, "Welcome to the Philippine Air Force! We're going to do a heli-jump. This is how you're going to be strapped..." We didn't have time to make *reklamo*. So we were loaded up. *Sabi niya,* "This is the jumping order: one, two, three, four, five." I was number three. So sabi *nila*, "Please board the side rack and when we tap you, please jump."

So we were already airborne. *'Di ba ang ingay-ingay ng* helicopter? *Di kami makareklamo*; we were making *reklamo* [but] nobody heard us and nobody was going to listen to us anyway. So we had a cameraman on board and they were taping us. And then within minutes, *nandoon na kami sa* Samal. [They said,] "You line up there." So we lined up. And then they tap you, "Jump!' You jump in. And then that was when we realized why we were given a training on how to save ourselves in the water. I chose to use my pants. So I removed my pants and made it into a balloon. (Laughter) Then we had to board the *bangka*. We had to go to shore without paddles.

Then they met us and they gave us clothes. "*Ay,*" *sabi namin,* "how nice, clothes!" So we changed. *Sabi namin,* "A, hike—chicken feed!" So hike *kami*. It wasn't a difficult hike. We went to the first stop and they said, "Please, tell us what time it is. And where's north?" So *ayan na 'yung tinuro sa amin* the night before.

Tapos we were divided into two teams and we were asked to compete against each other. And then they gave us a box this small and they said, "This is your food until your next supply. And this is your water,"—one bottle, like this big—"for the next 24 hours."

Tapos they made us climb—we walked for eight hours. *Kami, kasi* Team Cool *kami*, as in "*cool-lelat*," *pagdating namin sa* campsite *namin, gabi na.* So *binigyan kami ng* tent *at saka* string. *Sabi niya,* "Build your shelter." *Ako* I fully expected, *pagdating namin doon may* tent, *may pagkain, tapos puwedeng maligo. Wala.* We had to build a tent—our shelter—on top of a fallen tree *na bukas sa tabi. Umulan nung gabing 'yon!* The mosquitoes kept biting us. *Eto nga*, I have marks *pa* on my legs. *Tapos tinamaan ako ng langka—may langka na nahulog.* (Laughter) It was pitch dark, we couldn't see a thing. But it was like an earthquake, the *langka* rolled on the earth, but we didn't know it was a *langka*. It hit me on my back. In the morning, we found out it was a huge *langka*.

The next morning, we went mountain biking. Then we had to hike. It was really a survival course. The Red Cross of Davao laid the course for us. It was excellent, but it was difficult. Then we had to rappel down a 270-m ravine. But the harder part was climbing up—you had to climb up 270 m again. It was fun. *Tapos* we had to paddle our canoe, we had to kayak to get the "Probe" flag and then come back.

It was wonderful. It really taught us a lot of things about each other, about our temperaments, about teamwork, and we had a great time.

So when you made that jump, what were you thinking?

My God, please save me, don't let me drown. We were hoping that the height wasn't high enough so that we would not fall into the water and go deep into the bottom. They told us, "Hold your breath and then jump!" And then release it when you get into the [water]. That was what we did. *Buti na lang hindi masyadong mataas* so we were able to surface.

Sino 'yung sigaw nang sigaw?

Si Love Añover. She's our reporter for "Pasakalye" and she's such a charming person. She's so spontaneous. She was the leader of the other team. Our team leader was Robert Alejandro. They put the older people in our team. Robert and I are older than all of them. It's only Eliza who's young. *Sabi ko,* "Poor Eliza, she had to be with the old team." *Eh* the young team, you know, very aggressive *sila! Hala, sige, lakad sila. Sa amin, hayaan mo na silang manalo.* Because we go from clue to clue. We read 14 clues, and each clue had one point. *Tapos meron pa kaming* signaling—*binigyan kami ng* compact disc. *Sabi namin,* "Wow, *mag*-*i*-Internet *tayo pagdating dun!*" *Yun pala*, the CD was for signal. You had to signal people on top of the mountain, *ipa*-flash *mo na padating ka na.* If they received your signal up there, one point. *Pag hindi natanggap yung* signal *mo,* zero. *Eh nauna sina* Love, *lagi silang nauuna kasi* they were strong climbers.

How long were you there?

Three days. *Nawala pa kami.* And they let us get lost. They didn't correct us so that we could find our way back. *Tapos* we had to go caving and then we had to go swimming—we had to look for clues under a waterfall. So *binigyan kami ng* goggles. We had to look for a clue and then we had to complete the Philippine map puzzle. And they confiscated my [eye] glasses, so I could not see. (Laughter)

Will you do it again?

No more, never, never. We don't know what we're going to do for the 16th anniversary—if we survived.

What's a typical day for you like?

It's very erratic, like you guys, *'di ba*? No two days are the same. Sometimes it's *punong-puno*, other times it's a little slack, like you don't start your day till 10 a.m. Other days you have a call 2 a.m.

Do you still have time to relax?

Yeah, my form of relaxation is staying home or traveling. Traveling for me is relaxing. Or being with my family or doing [photo] albums. I like doing albums.

How about eating out in malls?

I'm not a mall person. My husband and I just have three restaurants to go to. We're not really adventuresome. In fact, we're kind of boring. (Laughs)

Which restaurants?

For Japanese food, we go to Tsukiji. We also like Le Soufflé. We also go to Lolo Dad's. They have excellent food. When we want to get fat, we go there.

How do you manage to find time with your husband?

We don't have that much time together so we travel together. And we try to keep the weekend semi-sacred. So I try not to book things on the weekends.

How's your sex life?

Healthy! (Laughter)

What's Cheche Lazaro like at home?

I'm really a homebody. I'm not a party person.

Do you cook?

Only if my life depended on it. (Laughter) But my favorite place is the kitchen. I love my kitchen.

What do you do in the kitchen?

Eat! We have a dining table there. No, I like fixing up my house, and I told you, I like doing albums—I have over 300 albums that I do. Like I have an album of this special that we did for the anniversary. I like taking pictures. I was going to bring my camera to take pictures of you, guys, but I was in a rush.

I like gardening. I'm really a homebody. If I go out, I like traveling.

Do you have any particular diet?

[I] eat everything and anything. But I stay away from [meat] and I try to do fish and vegetables. But I don't always succeed.

What else do you want to accomplish?

I want to see this little company of mine live after me, of course, because I don't think I'm going to be there forever. This is just something that I started and I hope it continues, because it has a wonderful roster of people.

After "5 & Up," are you coming up with other children's shows?

We have several proposals pending with Channel 7. But "5 & Up" lasted for 10 years. Thank you very much for supporting "5 & Up." We felt sad about it, but I guess that's the way it [has to be].

Wala daw support sa children's shows.

Oo nga, eh. Well, Channel 7, I hope, is making an effort. They're asking us to reformat. I don't know, but "5 & Up" for me was already going good.

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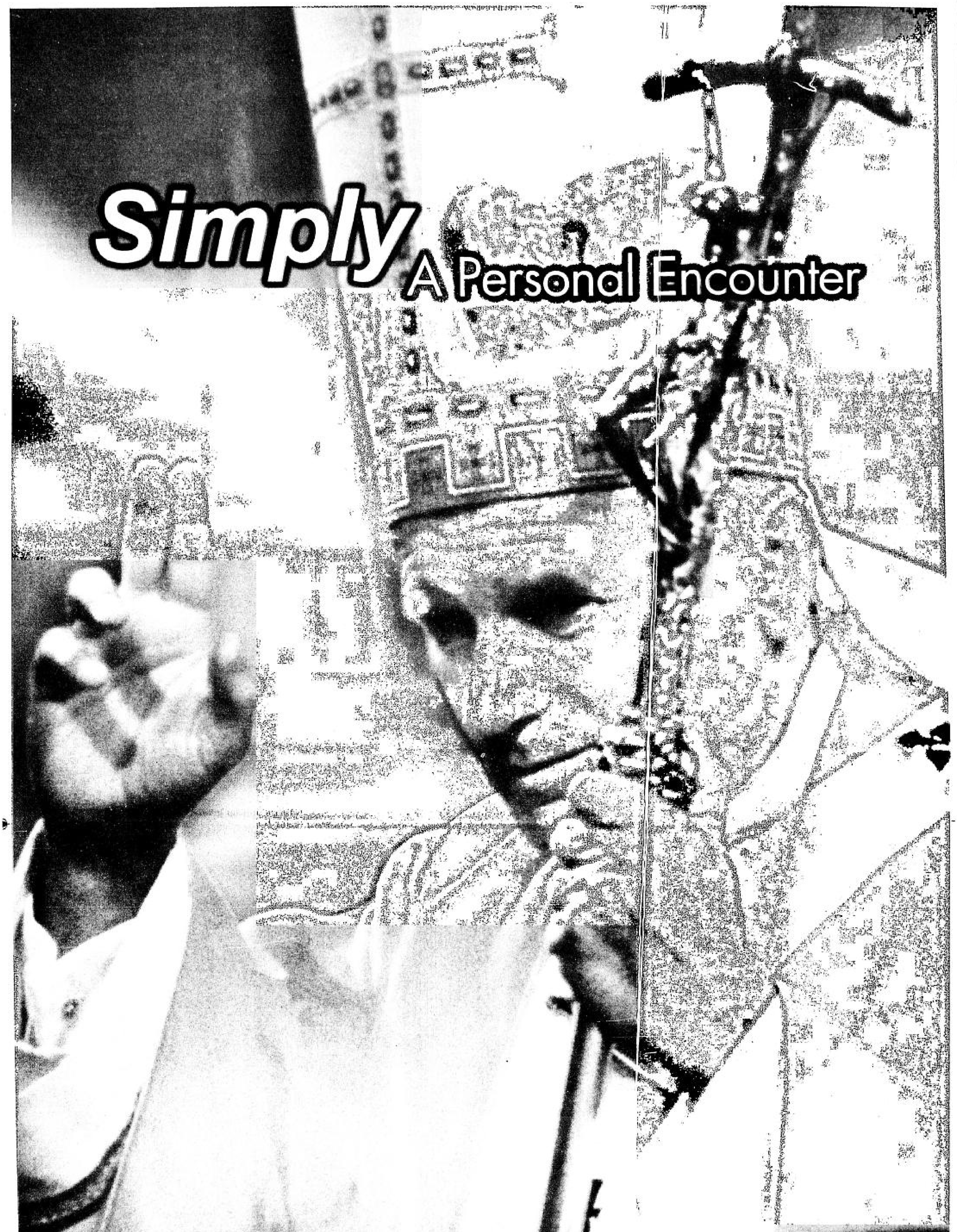

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Will you be sticking to public affairs news? Will you do entertainment, or semi-entertainment?

Semi-entertainment? Yeah, that's an idea! I mean, it's something that I don't think we should be close-minded about.

Would you ever run for public office?

I don't think so. I enjoy what I'm doing, and I think you should stay where you enjoy yourself most. I think I enjoy myself most here.

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Okay, what am I supposed to say? (Laughs) Well, this is a truly, truly honest answer because I watch it from the sidelines and you form your own opinion of what you see. You ask yourself, is that something you want to do? So far, my answer is this: I don't think so. There are special people for those kinds of jobs and I don't think I fit the bill.

What can you say about TV personalities entering politics?

TV personalities get high media exposure and they have a decided advantage. The chips are stacked on their side when they enter politics because they're on TV, and any way you cut it, they get more exposure. So they have, in a manner of speaking, unfair advantage.

It depends. Some people who go to politics because they've really developed an interest in it, because they can feel that they can be at public service, okay *'yun*. *Pero yun bang*, you're using media to get into politics, I kind of don't think that is the proper way. I think public service is a strong motivation in itself, and your intentions are purer if you're really there for public service.

Do you think your husband would ever run for public office?

He's too engrossed with golf! (Laughs) I don't think so. Del has his own company, and he does consulting work for the Ayalas.

Hasn't he been asked to join the government again?

I don't know. Maybe. I think, in the case of Del, at the time when he was serving as energy secretary, he felt that that was his payback time. *Nagbayad siya noon*. I think he would just choose what he'd like to do because he's very goal-oriented. He's that kind of guy.

How would you rate the present administration?

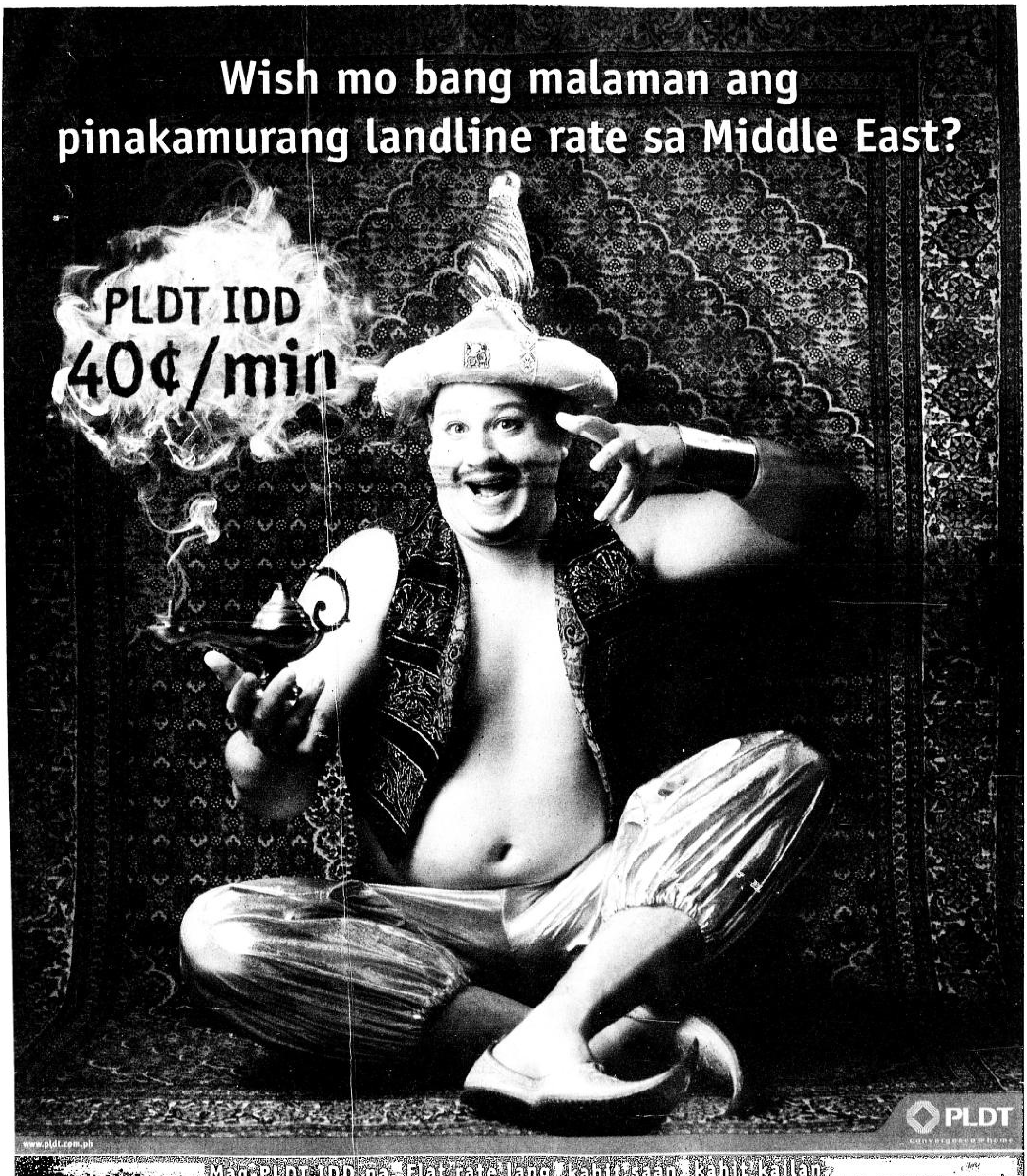
I think they're trying hard.

Aside from "trying hard."

You know, after doing stories for 15 years, I do realize we have such difficult problems. And there comes a time *na* we just have to pull ourselves together to do something. I wouldn't like to criticize the President at this time because I think she needs our help. If we have a genuine interest in helping this country, we should pull ourselves together, by keeping quiet and supporting what she does, but without letting pass some things which you feel should not be done. And we do that on the show.

I really think the President is trying and I want her to succeed. Not because of 2004 but because this is my only country and if I don't support this country, I have no right to yak away.

I think she's basically a good-intentioned person, and if she succeeds, then we all succeed, but if she fails, then, again, we all fail. And I don't want to fail again. I think we've failed too many times. *Parang naaawa ako sa sarili*, especially when we go abroad for "Cheche Lazaro Presents," and I see so much progress outside, and it's like, What? We can be like this or better! I really feel depressed. And I meet people there and I always say Filipinos are brighter than these, and more creative. Filipinos can really hack it—why aren't we hacking it? All the Filipinos we meet abroad are so well liked. They're also successful. They're also *masipag*—they have three jobs. They are so faithful. *Kung ganon tayo* abroad, why can't we do it at home? So sometimes, maybe something's wrong with us. But I'm not abandoning this country. Never.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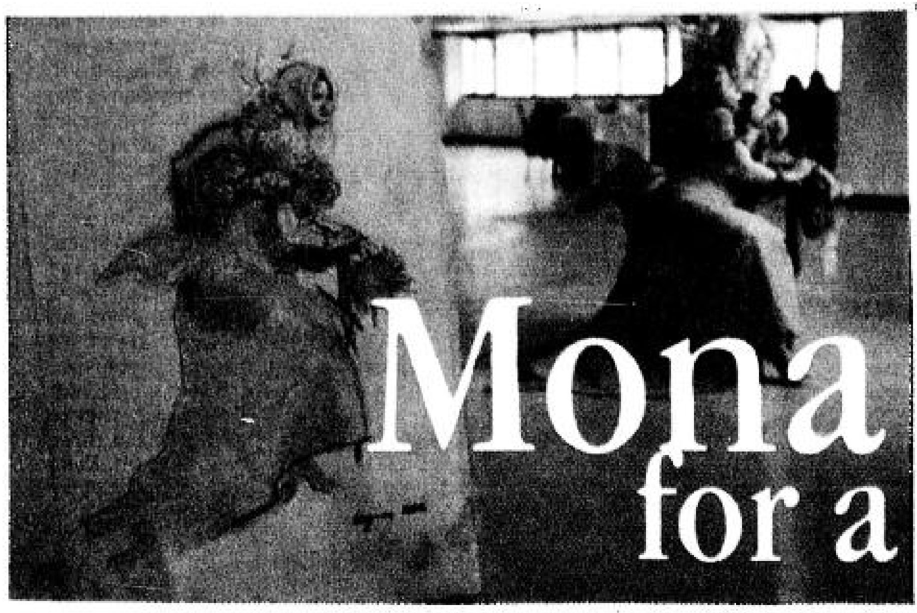

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AS USUAL, I was running late for my 11 a.m. timeslot. I'm quite a nocturnal being; mornings are really difficult for me and to be ready by 11 a.m. is always a challenge. I would have preferred a later time—11 p.m. perhaps?—but I had rebooked this appointment several times already so it would have been embarrassing not to keep this one. I arrived 30 minutes late despite Josine Elizalde's frantic texting, but when the artists saw what they were about to sketch, I guess they understood the delay and immediately knew that this subject was going to be a challenge to their drawing talent, not to mention their color spectrum.

It was last year that Josine spearheaded a sketching project to raise funds to benefit the New Beginnings and Tam-awan Village. For a small donation of P30,000, you can be the model of renowned artist Bencab and seven other Tam-awan artists for an hour of sketching session.

The New Beginnings Foundation sponsors people who cannot afford treatment for and rehabilitation from drug addiction. The Tam-awan Village, on the other hand, is a model village that promotes exquisite Ifugao craftsmanship and preserves a small but integral part of our heritage.

In short, your donation gives you back heavenly graces and eight signed sketches including one by Bencab. Plus you also get a tax-deductible receipt.

Quite a deal really.

Familiar faces

As I walked down the long hall where the session of that day was to be held, I saw familiar faces: Gina Godinez and Wig Tysman, who are both board members; Monique Villongco, who is consultant for production; and Pepito Albert, a supporter and my artistic director for the session.

Pepito quickly put his designer skills to use by doing touch-ups on my headgear, which was adorned with fresh flowers, and my outrageously beautiful floral Rajo Laurel gown. He showed me some funky rings, which I gladly added to my outfit—not that another accessory was necessary.

Written behind a canvas were the words "A man named Tuls." They had not special meaning for me, but I stared at those words smiling for an hour and sitting at an angle carrying my floral pouch. I didn't think I would last that long, but for the sake of art, I survived. I even gave the artists an extra 10 minutes to finish up the many details needed to complete their sketches.

Except for Bencab, the Baguio-bred artists had to sharpen their unused pastel pencils and blend their colors since most of their sketches were done in charcoal pencils.

Besides Bencab, the artists were Ged Alangui, Roland Bay-an, Jojo Elmeda, Jordan Mang-osan, Rishab, John Frank Sabado and Tuls. Ben's nephew Salvador Cabrera Jr. also joined the session. Tysman captured the visual

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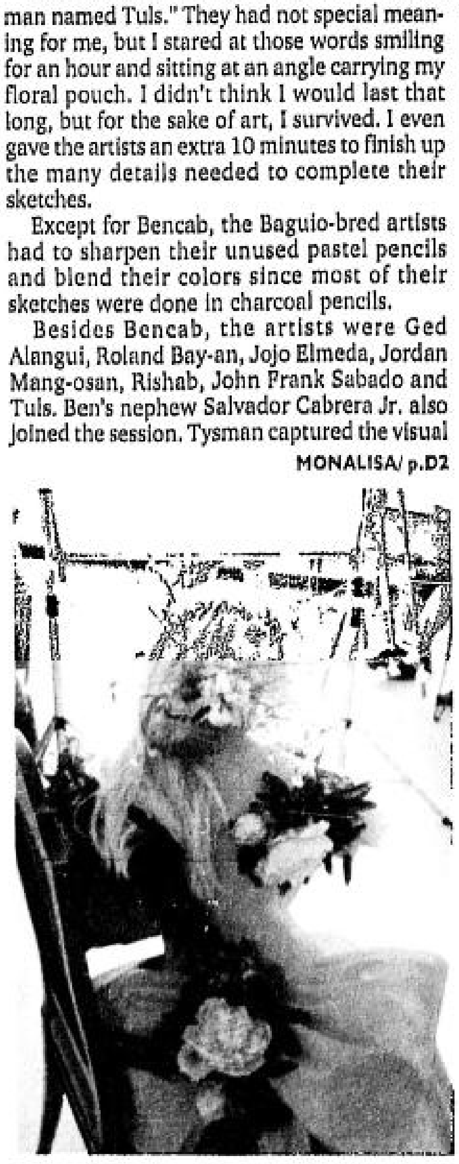
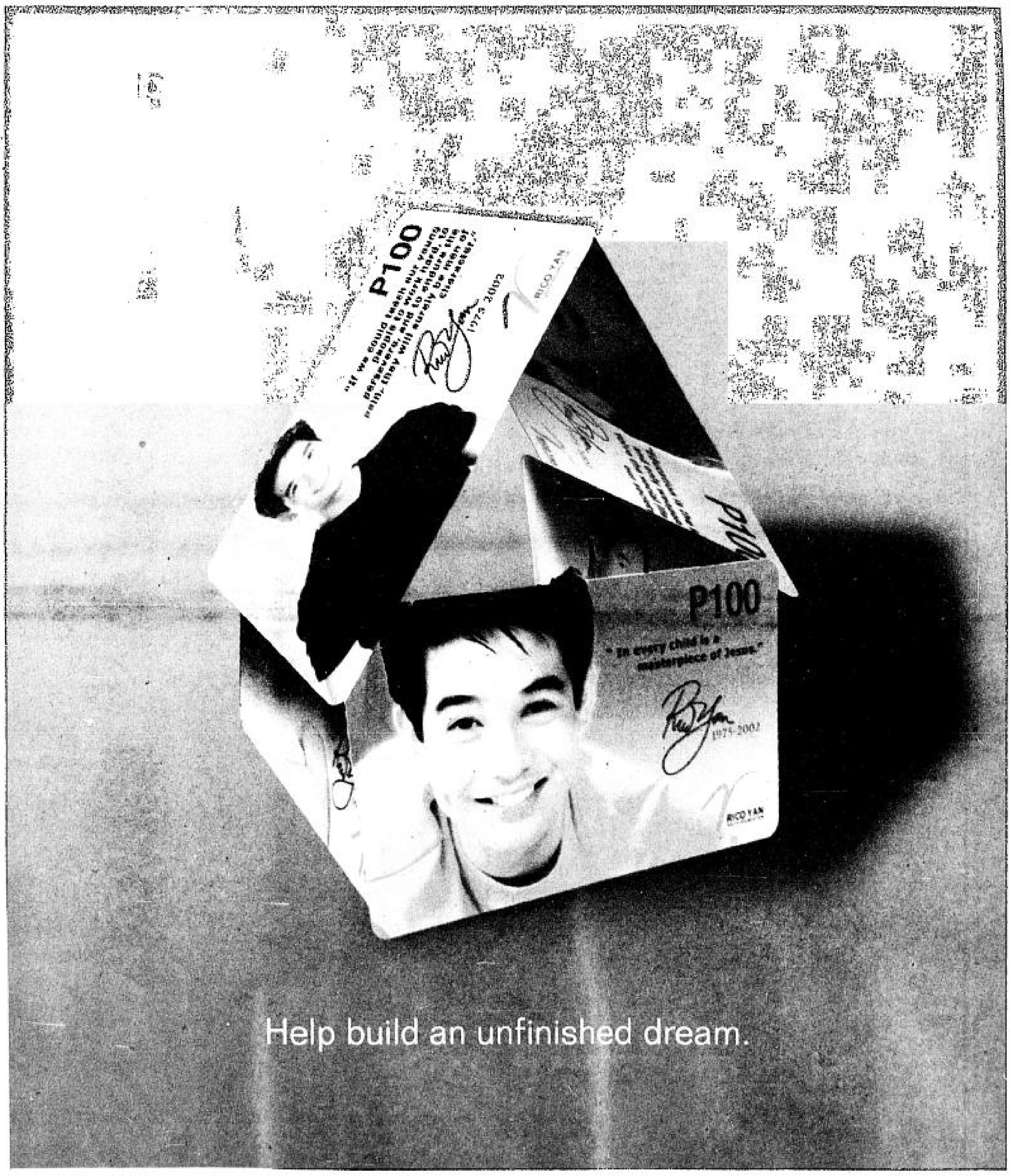


REARVIEW of Tessa's flowery headdress and gown



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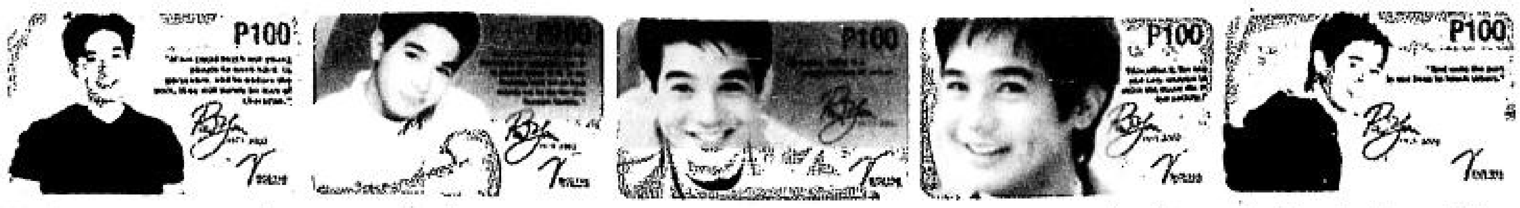

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TESSA in living color and as work in progress

IN HER Rajo Laurel finery, Tessa becomes paying subject of Baguio artists to benefit their village and the New Beginnings Foundation.

Mona Lisa for a day

A hyperactive fashionista with a heart sits for a bunch of Baguio artists, including Bencab

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overload using Monique's digital camera.

The resulting work didn't look at all like myself at first glance. They were portraits of a blonde wearing a flower-power gown, but I quickly realized that was just the look I desired.

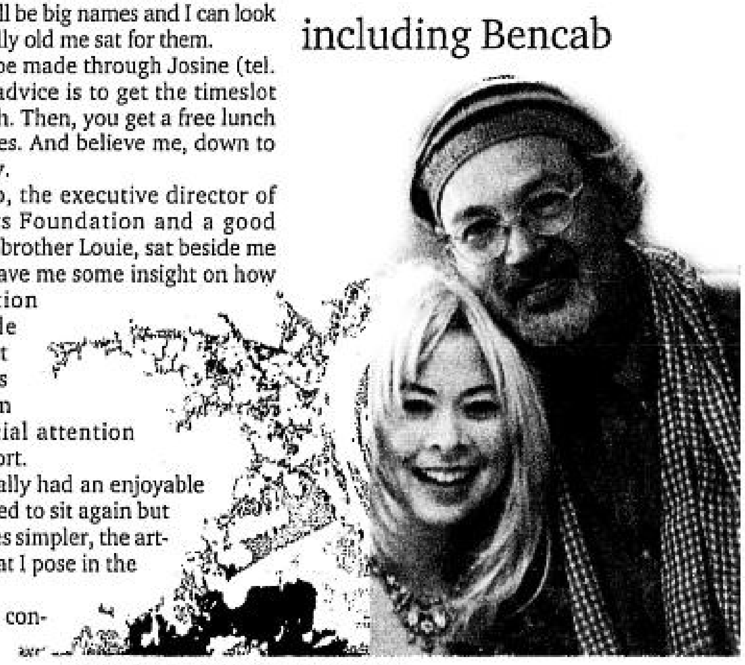
The Bencab artwork alone was worth the donation but the other eight were quite interesting since they were done from other perspectives. Although one or two were not too much to my liking, I really couldn't complain. How often can you give to charity and get artwork back? Someday these guys will be big names and I can look back to the day silly old me sat for them.

Bookings can be made through Josine (tel. 818-2055). My advice is to get the timeslot right before lunch. Then, you get a free lunch with your sketches. And believe me, down to dessert is yummy.

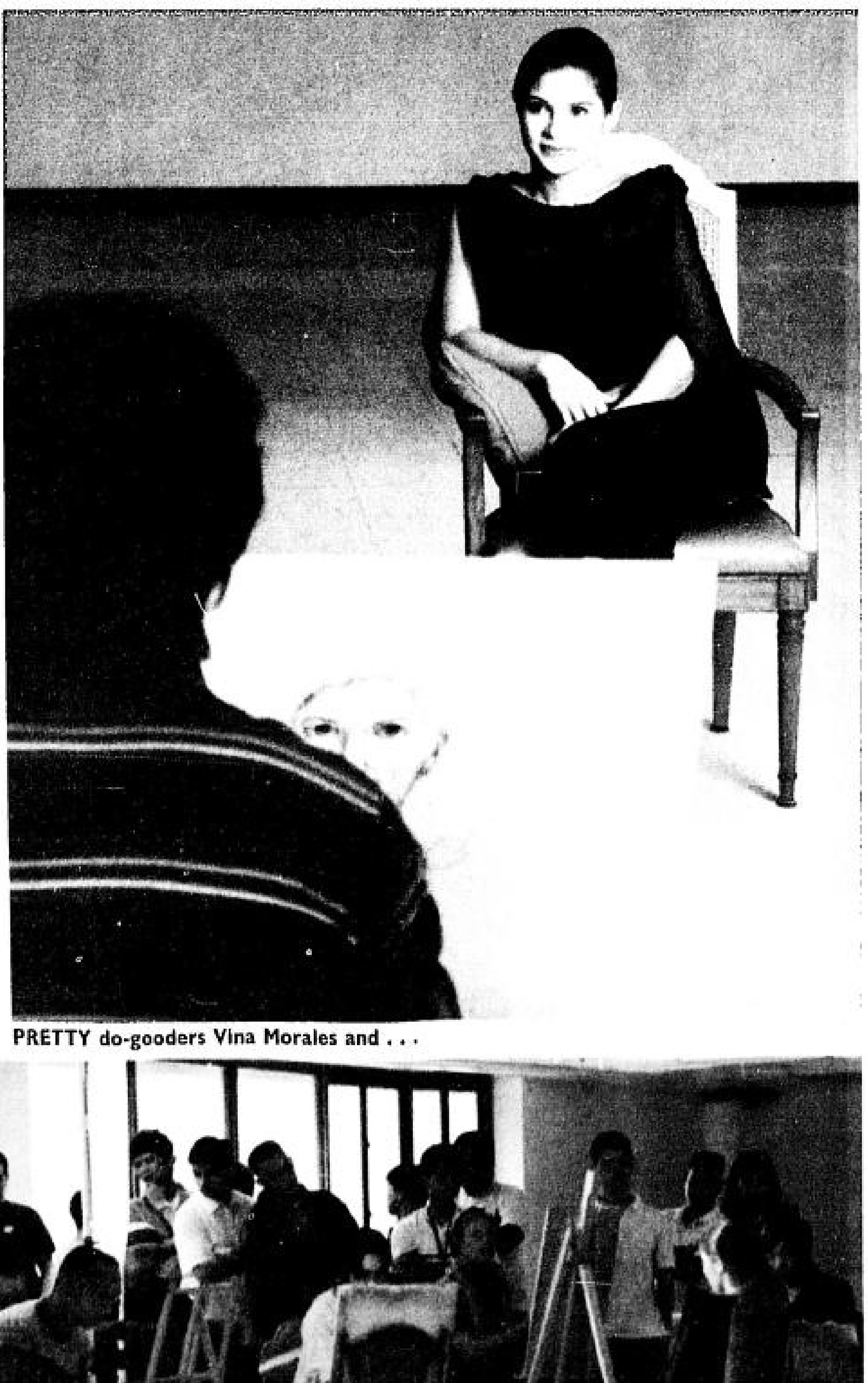
Dondi Ayuyao, the executive director of New Beginnings Foundation and a good friend of my late brother Louie, sat beside me over lunch. He gave me some insight on how the foundation works and made me realize that drug addiction is a serious problem that needs special attention and family support.

All in all, I totally had an enjoyable session. I promised to sit again but to make their lives simpler, the artists suggested that I pose in the nude.

I am seriously considering it.



MODEL Tessa with artist Bencab



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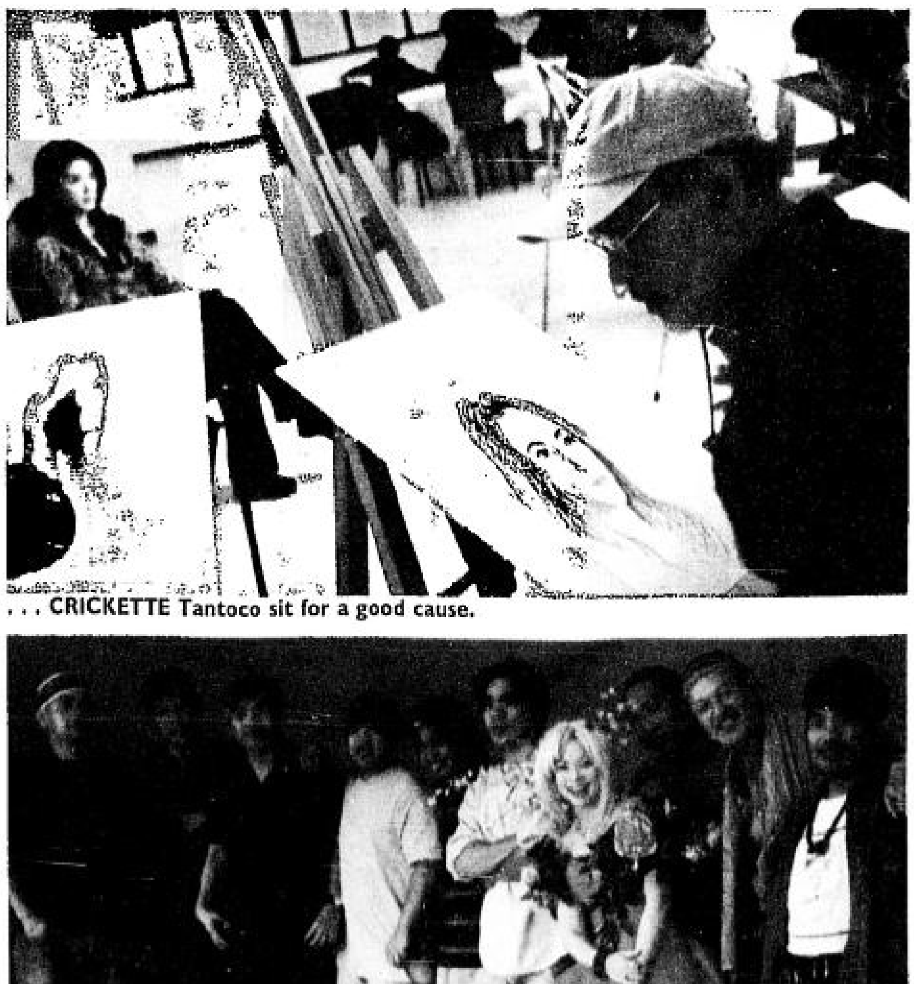

. . . **CRICKETTE** Tantoco sit for a good cause.

ARTISTS from Tam-awan Village sketching as friends look on.

ALL FOR ART. Tessa with her Picassos for a day

MANILA'S FIVE LOVELIEST. Isabel Lagdameo, Chris Yam, Pam Ayson, Tracy Abad and Michelle Robles

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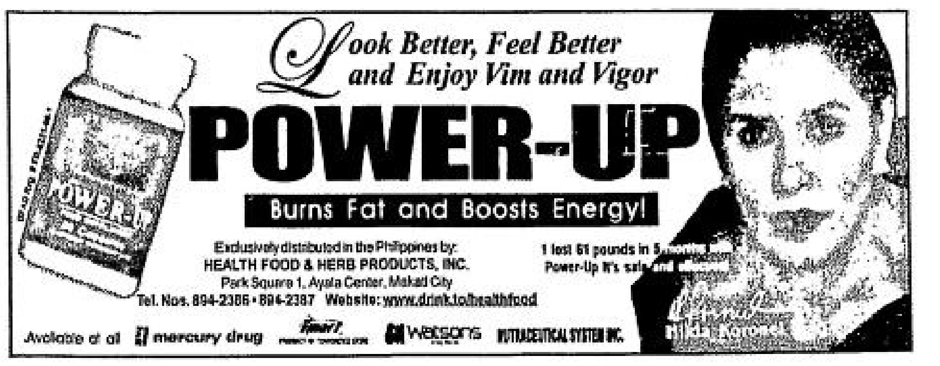
TESSA Prieto-Valdes with son Ryan at Dish



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It's too late for Batch 2003 since they've already been chosen. Meet **Tracy Abad**, **Pam Ayson**, **Isabel Lagdameo**, **Mitch Robles** and **Chris Yam** when they are formally introduced to high society via the Love 14 Foundation and Bvlgari's Gala Proclamation Ball on Sept. 4 at the Makati Shangri-La.

QC coffee shop

Elephant Square coffee shop recently opened in Quezon City off Morato Road and is owned by **Melissa Mendez**, character actress of movies and television turned entrepreneur. Her specials guests, **Zsa Zsa Padilla**, erstwhile model and *balikbayan* **Bessie Badilla del Castillo** and perennial beauty organizer **Lorraine Schuck** couldn't agree more with her latest moves.

A gathering of friends

We partied at Friends, **Dolly Anne Carvajal**'s favorite watering hole at St. Francis Square, and had a ball. It was Year 2 and we partied until morning with partners **Albert Nocom**, **Bojo Molina** and **Roman T.**

Hot Tuesday, Saturday night fever

New Saturday gimmicks are afoot at Dish. "Relive Star Nights" as '90s music is played. Tuesdays are also hot, hot, hot at Dish and blame the perfect attendance on the Spirit of 67 band led by **Candy Dizon** and **Johnny Velasquez**. Even Tourism Secretary **Dick Gordon** makes it a point to join friends for a night of revival music.

IRENE Martel Francisco, president of Love 14 Foundation, Makati Shangri-La's director for sales and marketing Gami Holazo and PDI Lifestyle columnist Anton San Diego and Mario Katigbak of Bvlgari

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JEAN Saburit with daughter Tanya

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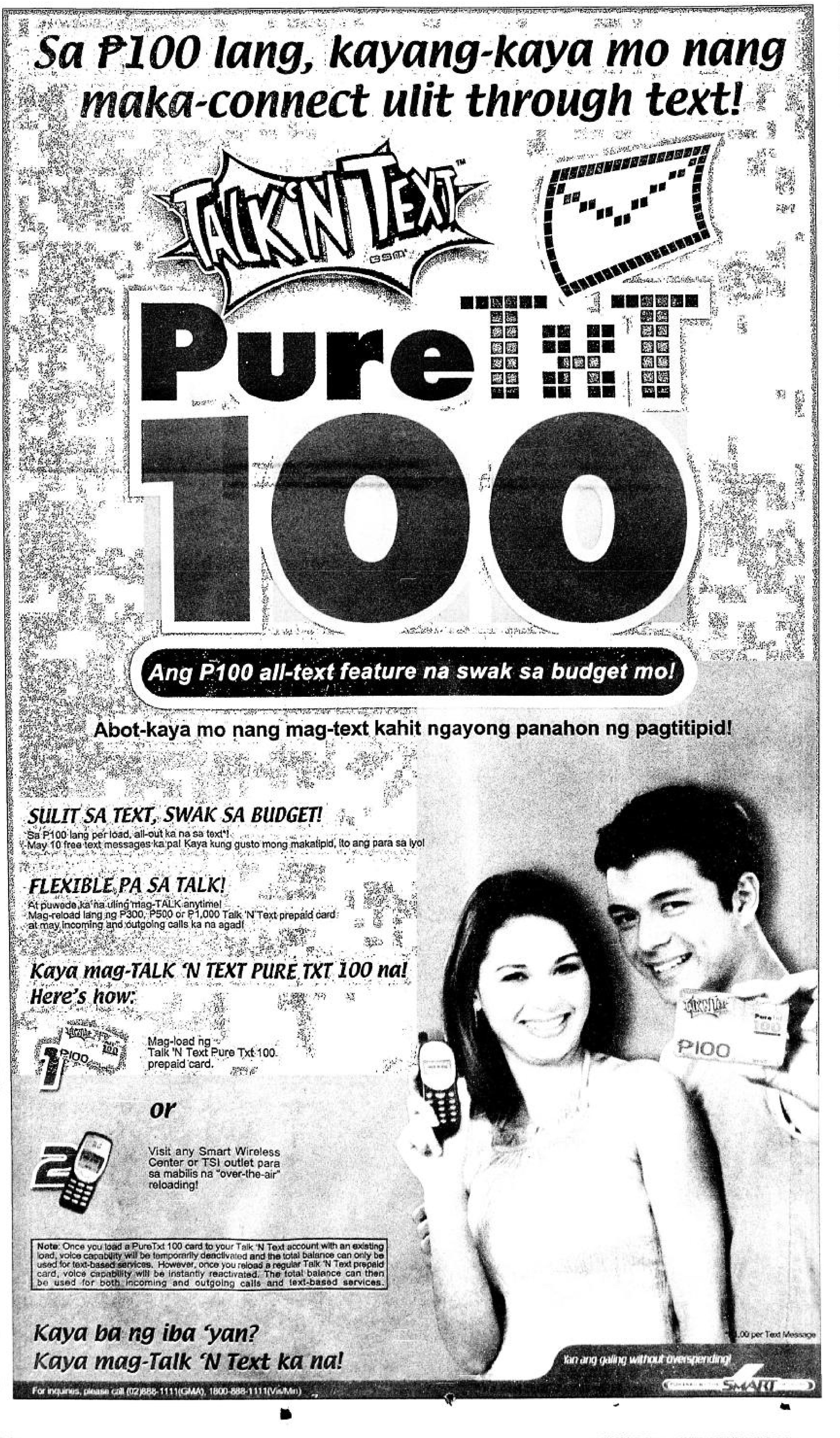

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Color your blue days away, creatively

Time spent in this craft studio is therapeutic and liberating

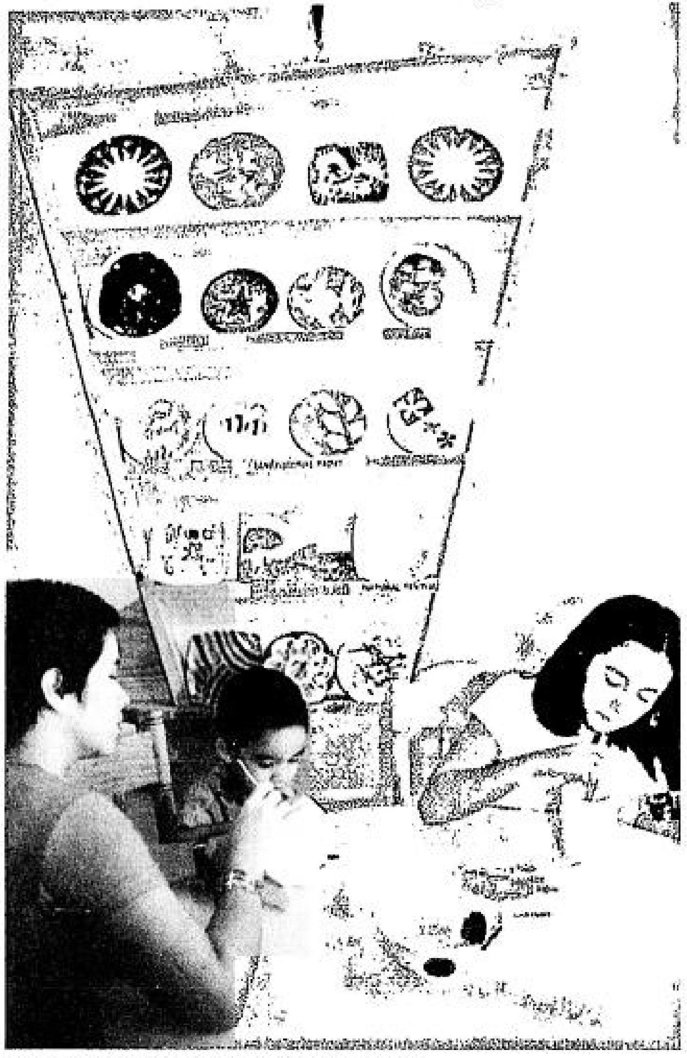
Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Romy Homillada

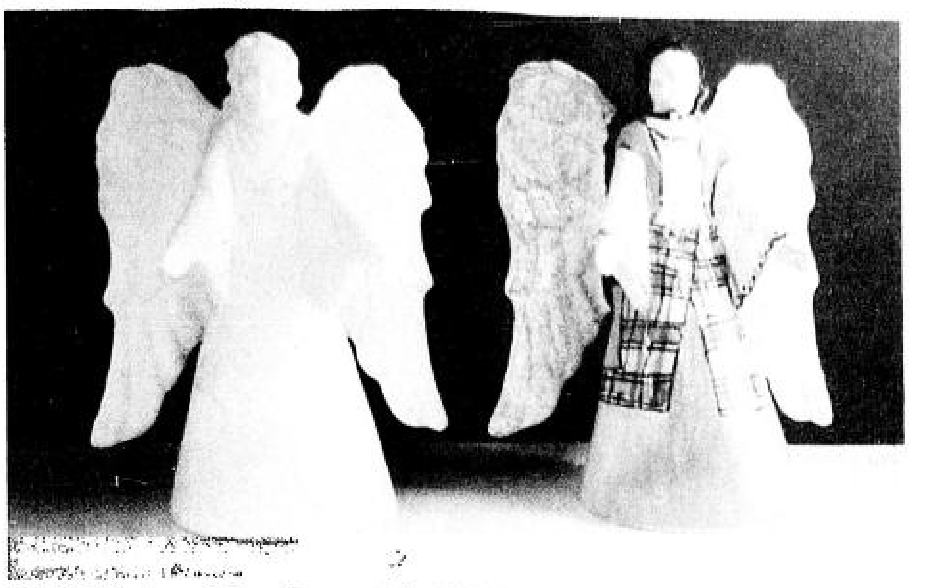
EMMA Pante was in a state of extreme sadness when a palette of colors brought life to a world that had turned gray. An economist by training and profession, she had felt betrayed when a merger of two large banks took place back in 2000. "My doctor advised a change of scenery for me so that I could get out of the rut that I was in," she says. Off she flew to Philadelphia to be with her sisters who then took her to a place where she said she found her smile and her self again. At that point, Emma had lost 25 pounds and her sense of humor. "My sisters said, you're like the shell of your old self. We will take you to a place where you will forget your troubles."

True enough, Emma found herself spending eight hours everyday for the next two weeks in a crafts studio called Color Me Mine. There she just painted away her worries, working on various ceramics and stoneware, turning them into her own masterpieces. "It was really terribly therapeutic! I found myself coming back to life," she recalls. When her family arrived for the Christmas holidays, she took them there and soon they were painting their own dinnerware—"which we now use at home on daily basis," Emma says. The plates also serve to remind them that when the gray days come, there is always the possibility of joy in unexpected places.

Paint and create

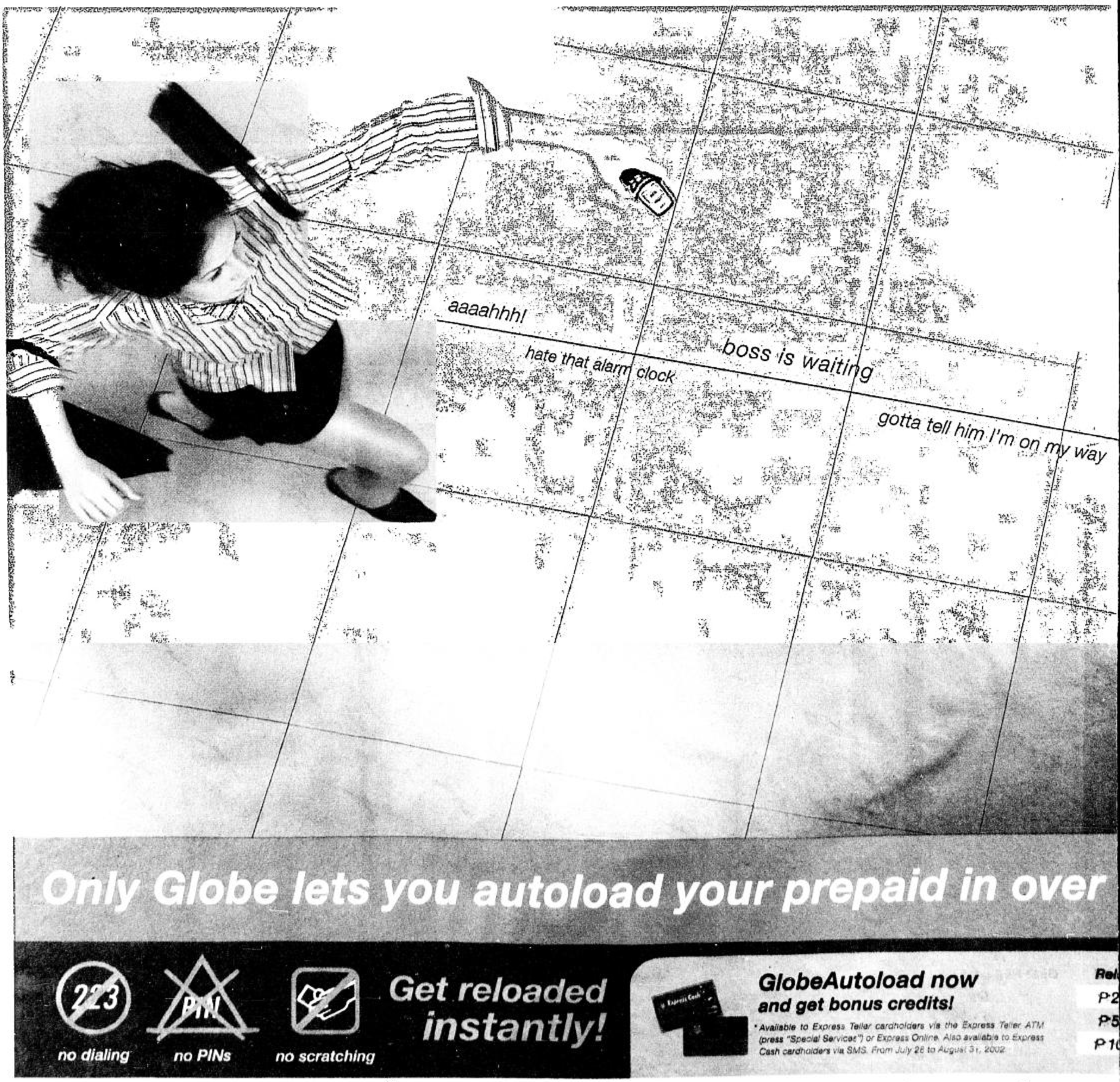
In July 2001, Emma opened the first Color Me Mine workshop at the Shangri-La Plaza, where people from various walks of life would just come and paint their worries away. "My main reason for bringing the workshop here was so that I could share the experience with others who needed this kind of therapy or activity as well. You don't have to be a professional to do this kind of work. Young and old, all shapes and


FAMILY time at Color Me Mine in Megamall


AN ANGEL before and after the workshop

CREATE a charming cookie jar

EMMA Pante helps design a mug.



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sizes and social classes come here to create and paint," Emma says.

Basketball players and their children, movie stars, businessmen, expatriate wives and people from all classes have come to the shop and said that the workshop is the perfect place for therapy or simply for family bonding. Emma relates how several fathers would take their children "on separate days" and spend several hours in the workshop just painting and bonding with their kids. We experienced first-hand the joy of painting with our children one afternoon at the new Color Me Mine workshop at Megamall, when we spent several hours completely immersed in painting mugs and dinosaurs. The 11-year-old did not even bother browsing through the nearby stores, and the three-year-old was in complete awe of the dinosaur that he had just painted! Oftentimes, in the busyness of life, we forget the simple joys of just sitting still with one's children and creating art as seen through their eyes. The experience is certainly much more meaningful than spending two hours in the cinema or walking aimlessly around a mall.

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Special people

Special people also come to the shop and they have come up with some really beautiful works of art. The mentally challenged, in particular, can sit for hours, lost in their work. "We've brought the program to several special schools and the response has been very heartwarming," Emma says. Art is certainly a form of therapy that has been used both for children and adults. There is something about the creative process that frees the mind and the spirit, and lets one soar momentarily above whatever troubles there are.

Color Me Mine has several packages, but the basic studio fee is P85 for children and P165 for adults, which includes all the paint materials and glazing. There is a separate fee depending upon the item which you choose to paint—mugs, plates, candleholders, vases, angels, dogs etc.—which range in prices from P100 to P1,800. The process is simple—you come into the shop, pick out an article you would like to work on, pay for that and the studio fee, choose the colors you wish to work on, then the staff will help you squeeze that onto a palette and you're set. You can spend an entire morning or afternoon at Color Me Mine working on your preferred piece of art. Once you are done, you turn that over to the staff and come back after a few days to get your masterpiece—all glazed and pretty!

Color me Mine is refreshing alternative to movies, malling or dining out. The time spent at this workshop can be whatever it is you want it to be—a birthday party (yes, you can hold them there as well), family bonding time, quality time with your special friend, an activity for that special child—all done in an atmosphere of creativity and color.

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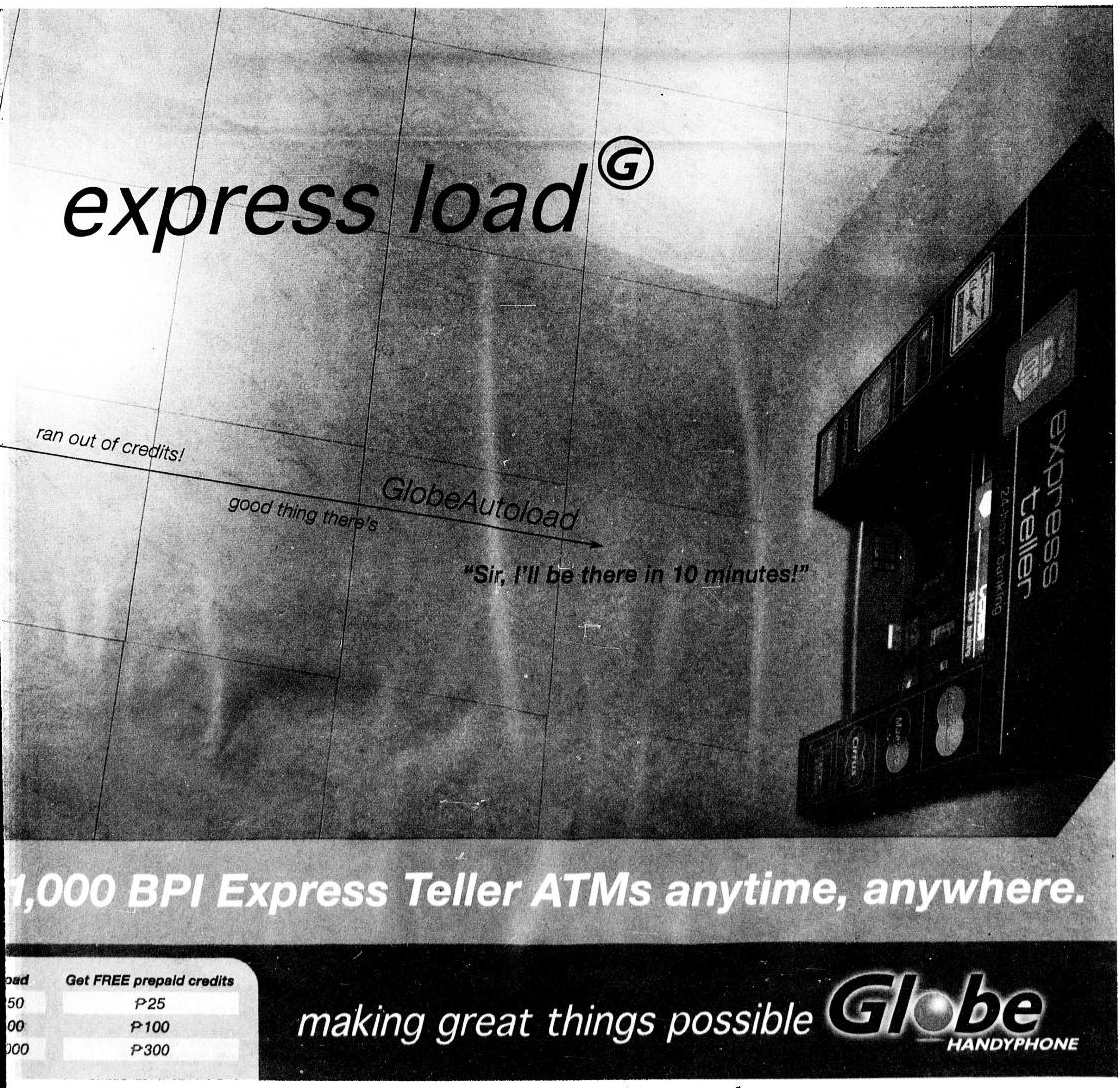
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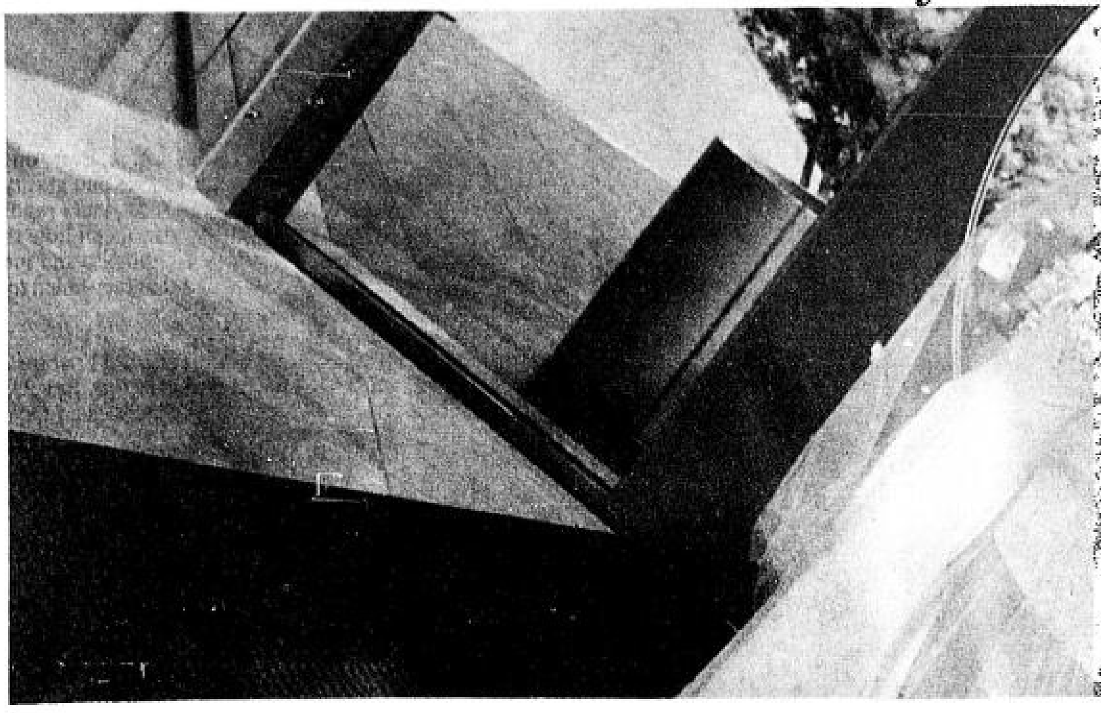
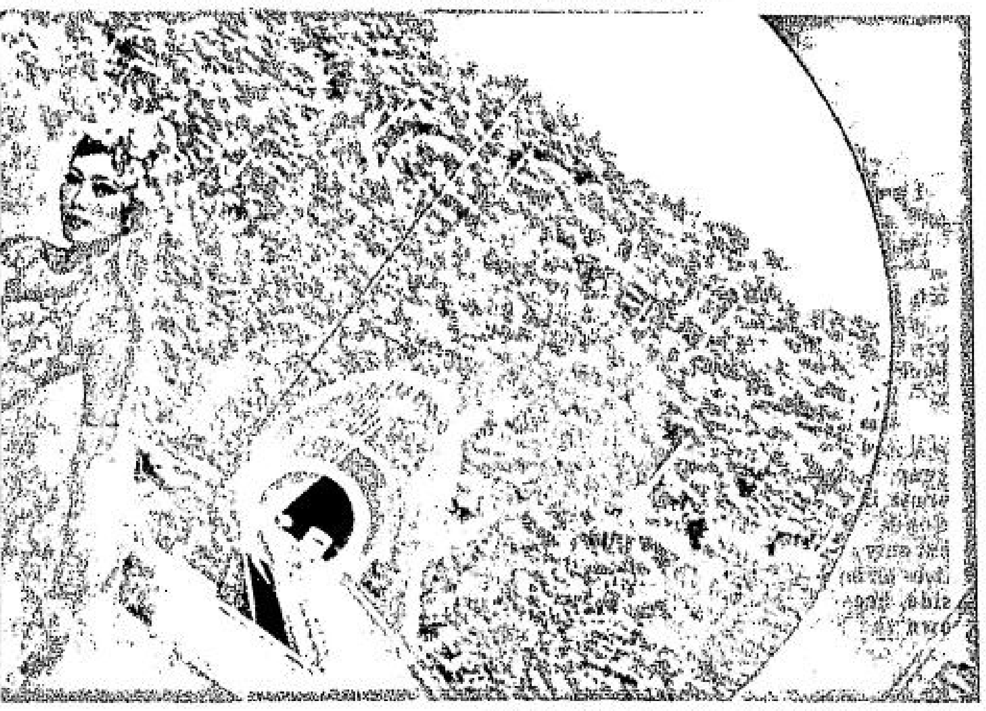




CHERRY blossoms accentuate the model's gown, headpiece and long veil.

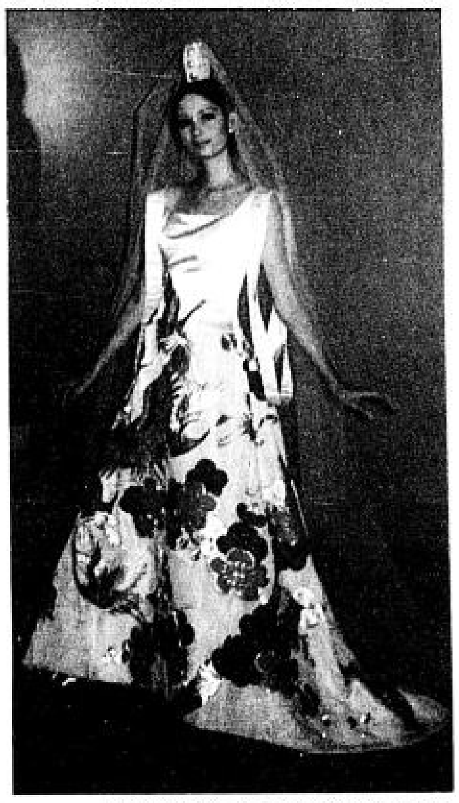
Moreno's wedding gowns wow bridal summit audience

PITOY Moreno, Asia's fashion czar, participated in the 8th Asian Bridal Summit in Osaka, Japan, held at the Rihga Royal Hotel.

The Philippine participation was made possible by Ambassador Antonio Villamayor, Bong Velasquez of Philippine Airlines and Martin Valera of the Department of Tourism.

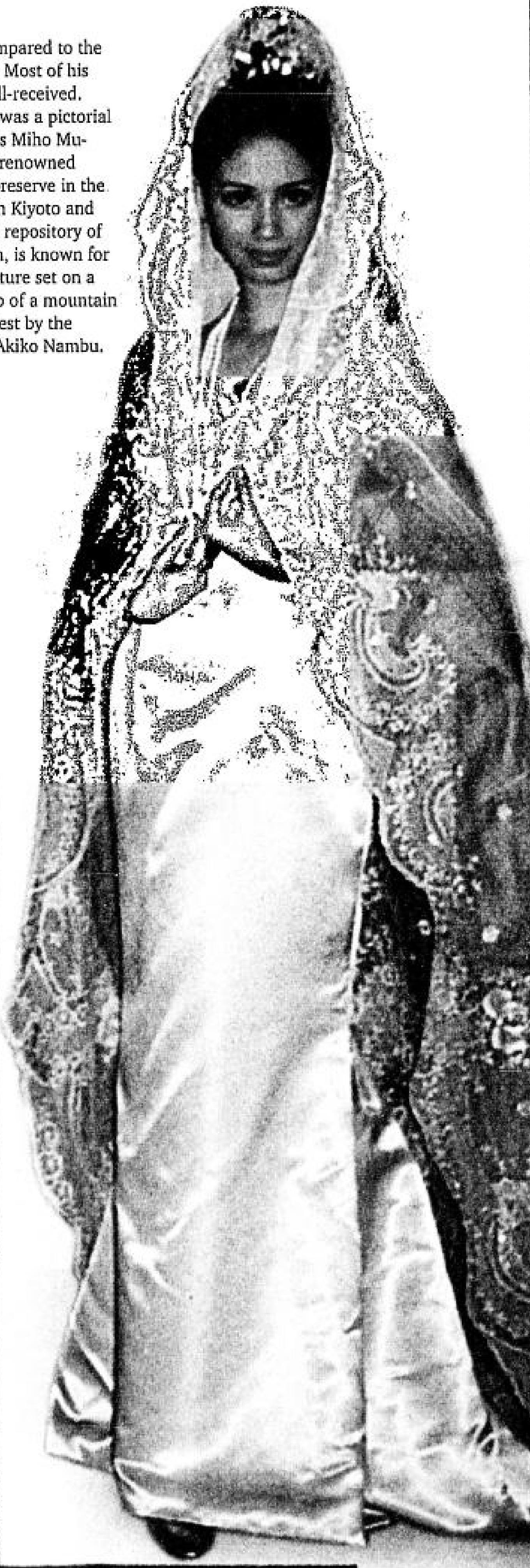
Moreno brought only two models from Manila, Lorena and Badette, who were supported in Osaka by Lorelie, Ana Liza and Christian. Other participants were Japanese, Chinese, Indonesians and Indians. Despite having only a few models compared to the others, Moreno was a big hit. Most of his wedding ensembles were well-received.

The most important event was a pictorial of his collection in the famous Miho Museum designed by the world-renowned architect IM Pei in a nature preserve in the Shigaraki Mountains between Kiyoto and Lake Biwa. The museum, the repository of the Shumei Family Collection, is known for its beautiful modern architecture set on a thousand-hectare land on top of a mountain overlooking the beautiful forest by the Shumei. Museum curator is Akiko Nambu.

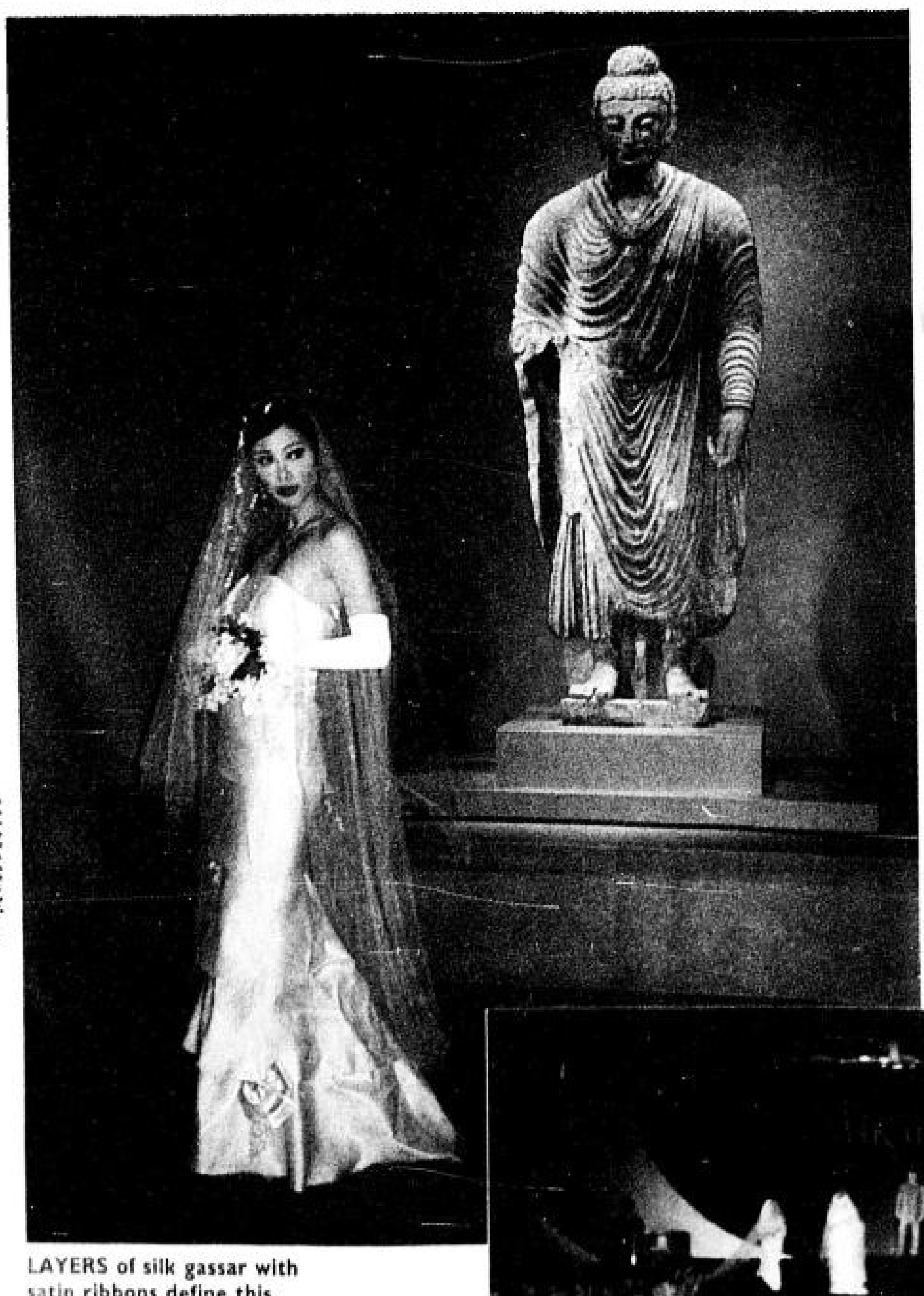


JAPANESE obi embroidery on the skirt highlights this ensemble with silk top and two loop tassels on both shoulders.

KOREAN delegates to the bridal summit showcase their own bridal ensembles.



A PEACH dynasty satin gown with hand-embroidered long veil



LAYERS of silk gassar with satin ribbons define this creation. Lilies of the valley adorn the veil.

PITOY Moreno presents his bridal collection at the ballroom of the Rihga Royal Hotel in Japan.

THE PRESS attaché and show coordinator interviews Moreno.

Music for sale

LIVE AND LET LIVE
Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I am a full-time housewife and mother of three. I have been thinking about starting a business. My husband is still looking for a stable job. He's a part-time barber in our town. With this situation, our budget is tight, and we have to move from one house to another constantly.

My parents are gone, and our house in a subdivision is up for sale, but only by my relatives on my father's side, because they own the property and they have no plans to share or even let anyone of us stay there. In fact, the house is now demolished. But then, this is not really my problem. I have a life of my own now.

However, the only family remembrance left is a number of LP records that we bring with us every time we move, and they are quite a burden. I would like to dispose of them. I am thinking of selling them to anyone interested, by piece or in bulk. I have about 110 pieces, ranging from classical music, Spanish music and marching band music, to pop like Victor Wood, Lennon sisters and Petula Clark; heavy metal rock by Jim Croce, Wings, and the Sound of Music.

You might be able to help me find a buyer. A friend told me to advertise through the Internet but that will take long. I'd like to sell them for P10 per piece, but isn't that too cheap? These records are still in good condition. The classics came from the US and some are rare.

G.A.

I have to remind readers that this column is not intended to advertise anything for sale, but since what this letter writer wants to sell is something not really common, and there may be music lovers interested, here it is. Those interested may write her c/o Mike Palanginan, UPLB Post Office, College, Laguna 4030.

Expressing mother love

That was a beautiful letter from Rudy Albino about his mother. Being a 48-year-old mother, I was touched.

I was never close to my mother, but there were a few times we would share intimate and happy moments. She never scolded us or taught us good manners. It was our father who was the disciplinarian and a teacher of different aspects of life. I got to be closer to him, but only when he retired at the age of 75 because he was an alcoholic businessman.

My mother favored her sons; it was, of course, acceptable to us, her daughters.

I've had so many heartaches but managed to survive the mental torture. But the pain that my children inflicted in my heart as soon as they turned 17 was much too bitter. I recalled myself at that age—and asked my mother through long distance in Bohol how much pain I gave her. I told her I'm very sorry and asked her forgiveness. "You were not as bad as your daughters," she said. For more than four years now, she has been asking about them and has been telling them how lucky they are to have me.

Now I'm grateful that she always prays for my children, especially when she wakes up in the morning. For four years now, I've been sending her food, money and medicines, remembering what my father told me, "Love your mother for what she is."

All these years, I've realized that no matter what, she kept me well in her womb for nine months, and made me what I am now. Mr. Albino really made us realize the worth of a mother.

JOCIE

Thank you for expressing "mother love" again. Every one of us should feel love and gratitude for our moms. Mothers reading this should also recall how they raised their children, and make amends for what they failed to do in the past.

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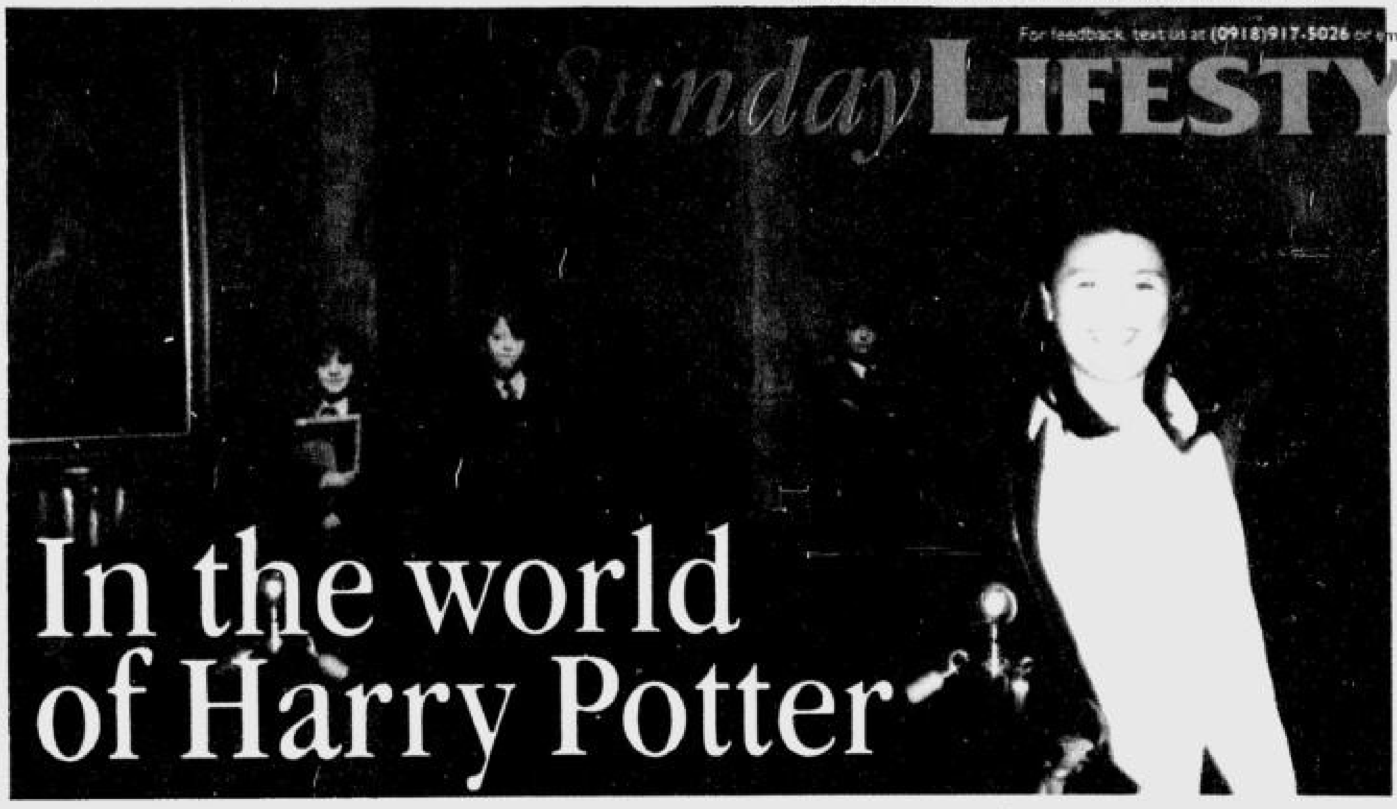

In the world of Harry Potter

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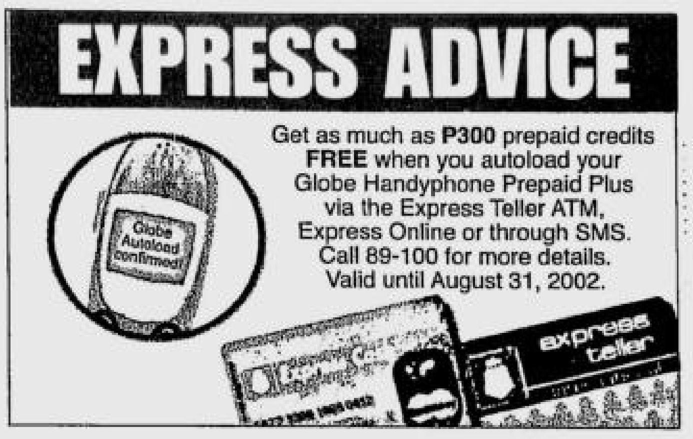

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By Giselle Goloy
Contributor

ARE YOU a Harry Potter fan? I am. I've read all four books and enjoyed every single one. I'm even a member of an e-mail group that discusses anything and everything that's Harry Potter! And like anyone who has ever read a Harry Potter book, I've often dreamed about what it would be like to experience his magical world.

People say that if you believe in your dream, it will come true. It did for me, just like magic. My mom, who's a writer (the highly respected Gloria Garchitorena-Goloy), won the Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Journalism last November. Her prize? A trip to Australia and New Zealand. As luck would have it, one of the stops was Queensland, where the Warner Bros. Movie World is located.

The theme park opened its Harry Potter Movie Magic Experience last Dec. 26, following the release of the first Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." I learned from my e-mail group and from surfing the Internet that the tour takes visitors to the world of Harry Potter via its fully recreated Diagon Alley and captivating display of sets inspired by the movie.

Maternal kindness

I think God made mothers kindhearted and so, my mother agreed to take me along. Through the magic of prayer and perseverance, I was off to Warner Bros. Movie World for my own Harry Potter Experience!

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LITTLE witch learning the "swish-and-flick" trick from tour guide

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Stitch, however, proceeds to behave badly and create chaos while proving to be perhaps the least affectionate pet on the planet. Still, Lilo takes him under her wing and encourages him to be a model citizen like her hero Elvis Presley.

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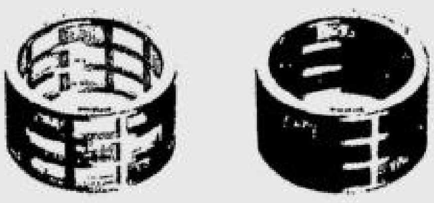
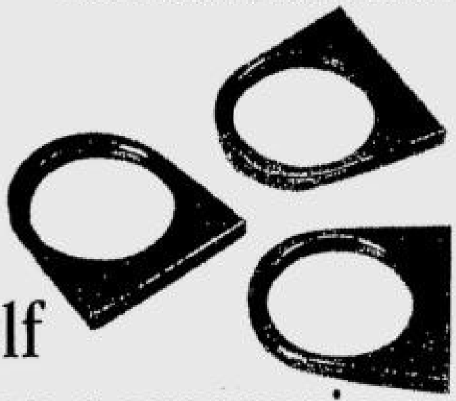


SWATCH BIJOUX PINAMBER RING. Stainless steel band accented with triple row, square multi-hued resin panes separated by stainless steel frame



SWATCH BIJOUX TRIVALENT RING. Flat, stainless steel and stainless steel with yellow gold PVD coating, thin metal band with inverted triangle styling; bottom shank of band set with a single crystal. "Swatch" is inscribed on side.

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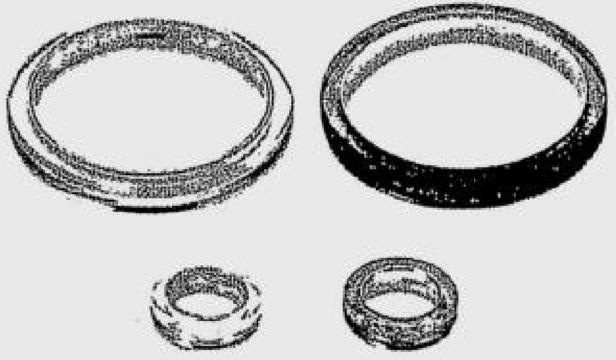
The Alacritas Ring and Bangle are beautiful, bold and brilliant reflections on today's woman and how she needs to be decorated. Trend takes over tradition and offers an additional impact on what was once old is now very new. The bangle is an essential extra that defines your wardrobe with the translucent resin surrounding a metal band in a traditional style, while the ring is chic, chic, chic—there is no other way to say it.

All these new trendsetting accessories are now available at Swatch stores in Glorietta, SM Megamall, The Podium, Rockwell and at the Gift Gate Gallery. Swatch is exclusively distributed by Gift Gate Inc.

THERE is definitely nothing more stylish than Kris Aquino with Swatch Bijoux.



SWATCH BIJOUX ALACRITAS BANGLE AND RING. Translucent resin surrounds a metal band in a bangle style while the ring has a dome-shaped clear translucent resin body with wide side flanks and accented with leaf oval insert at the crown. "Swatch" is printed on oval.

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THE PRESIDENT GMA-PBSP Cup: Swing for a Million Jobs awarded trophies to Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) trustee and INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto (center), and Yoldan Dwyer (fourth from left), as the lowest net and lowest gross winners, respectively, in the fundraising golf tournament's ladies' division. Also in photo are other PBSP trustees: (from left) Luis P. Lorenzo Jr., Presidential adviser on Creating One Million Jobs and chair of the golf committee; Ma. Luisa Perez-Rubio, PBSP president; and Juan B. Santos, chair and CEO of Nestlé Philippines.

Storytelling session set

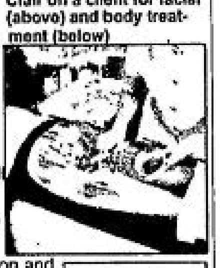
For kids who love entertaining tales, Dreamscape presents a special storytelling session featuring popular comedian Nanette Inventor. To be held today, this event aims to bring the family together in an enjoyable and wholesome activity.

Watch and listen to Nanette Inventor as she narrates all-time favorite anecdotes that will surely delight children and adults alike.

Dreamscape is located at the 4/L of Robinsons Galleria.

SPA EUROPEAN STYLE

Clair on a client for facial (above) and body treatment (below)



Two skincare experts will be flown in from the United Kingdom to conduct a seminar on "European Spa Techniques for Face & Body Treatments". Slated on Sept. 25, 2002 (Wed) 1-6 pm and will be held at Shangri La Hotel, Makati with International Buffet Menu and raffle prizes at stake.

This joint project of Bellitas Ltd., United Kingdom and International Cosmetiques Inc. will feature Ms. Penny Turvey and Ms. Clair Bennett who will tackle the lecture and demonstrations.

Penny is former Director of HABIA, responsible for the Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Standards in U.K. Prior to her appointment as Director of Bellitas Ltd. she was Chairman of the Association of British Therapy (1993-'95).

Clair has 10 years of experience within the beauty industry and worked on health farms, cruise ships as well as running her own beauty and fitness business. She is now the National Trainer and College Sales Executive to Bellitas for college support and company training.

We are inviting skincare professionals, therapists, salon and spa owners and interested parties to this event.

For inquiries contact Cathy Bosito or Remy Resma at Tel. Nos. 951-4010-11; 931-9199; and 932-3545. Reservation is on a first come first serve basis. Slots for 100 attendees only.

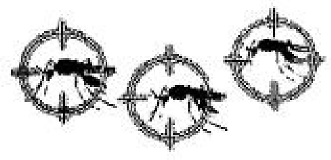
A more intensive seminar is also scheduled at the Int'l Technical Training Center, Unit G, MCYBldg. (beside PNB) 137 Roosevelt Ave., SFDM, Q.C. slated on Sept. 26, 2002 (Thurs) 8 am - 5 pm. Limited slots of 20 participants.

Penny Turvey

TAKING TIME OFF

By Dr. Eric Tayag

Mapping the risks



One of the most critical mosquito-borne diseases today is dengue. Every year, millions of people become victims of this deadly disease. In fact, around 2.5 billion of the world's population is at risk.

In most developing countries, dengue (particularly dengue hemorrhagic fever or DHF), is the leading cause of hospitalization among children under 10 years old. At present there is a dramatic increase in geographic spread caused largely by travel and migration. Still, there are no indications that the trend will drop in the next decade. Perhaps the spread of dengue would even be aggravated by climate changes and man's failure to manage his environment.

Epidemics in the Philippines

DHF was first identified in the Philippines in 1953. Since then, Filipinos have become part of the growing statistics of dengue victims worldwide.

Experts are able to predict epidemic occurrences because of the cyclical pattern by which all four dengue strains, or serotypes, circulate. In the last decade alone, countless epidemics in both urban and rural settlements were reported. The Department of Health lists 1998 as the worst epidemic so far when close to 40,000 admissions were recorded nationwide.

Last year, half of the cases came primarily from just 3 out of 16 regions in the country, namely: Central Luzon, Metro Manila, and Central Visayas. The Department of Health also reported that over a thousand dengue cases in 2001 were reported in the provinces of Bulacan, Cebu, Misamis Oriental, Nueva Ecija, and Davao City.

Multiplying victims

Everybody is at risk of getting dengue. Even if children get spared from dengue in early life, they remain susceptible to other dengue strains when they reach adolescence and adulthood.

In 2001, over 25,000 children and adults from all over the country were admitted in hospitals. It has been estimated that for every case of DHF, 20 cases of dengue with mild symptoms remain undetected. That is equivalent to at least half a million Filipinos in 2001 alone!

While certain areas show that more dengue victims are adults, more than 70% of those affected nationwide are children less than 14 years. A similar pattern was also reported in other Southeast Asian countries.

Dengue for all seasons

Although dengue occurs all year round, it peaks during the rainy season. Climate studies support the onset of dengue cases approximately two months after a heavy downpour in urban settlements. This coincides with the period needed by mosquitoes to develop into infecting adults.

This year, with the early onset of the rainy season, as well as the impending El Niño, the number of dengue cases may remain high despite forecasts that the next occurrence of dengue epidemics will be in 2004 following a 3-year cyclical pattern. El Niño triggers changes in the mosquitoes' life cycle, resulting in smaller mosquitoes that bite more frequently and spread the virus faster and easier.

Risk control

It is best to sustain community efforts of reducing the risk of its spread through source reduction where larval habitats are searched and destroyed. Individual efforts should include bite-prevention and bite-protection through protective clothing or repellents. Early recognition of illness favors prompt treatment and thus prevents complications that lead to fatalities.

Taking Time OFF is a bi-monthly public information drive against dengue by SCJohnson's OFF! Mosquito Repellent Lotion. Dr. Eric Tayag is a dengue specialist, who also works for the Department of Health. For inquiries and comments, you may e-mail him at e_tayag@doh.gov.ph.

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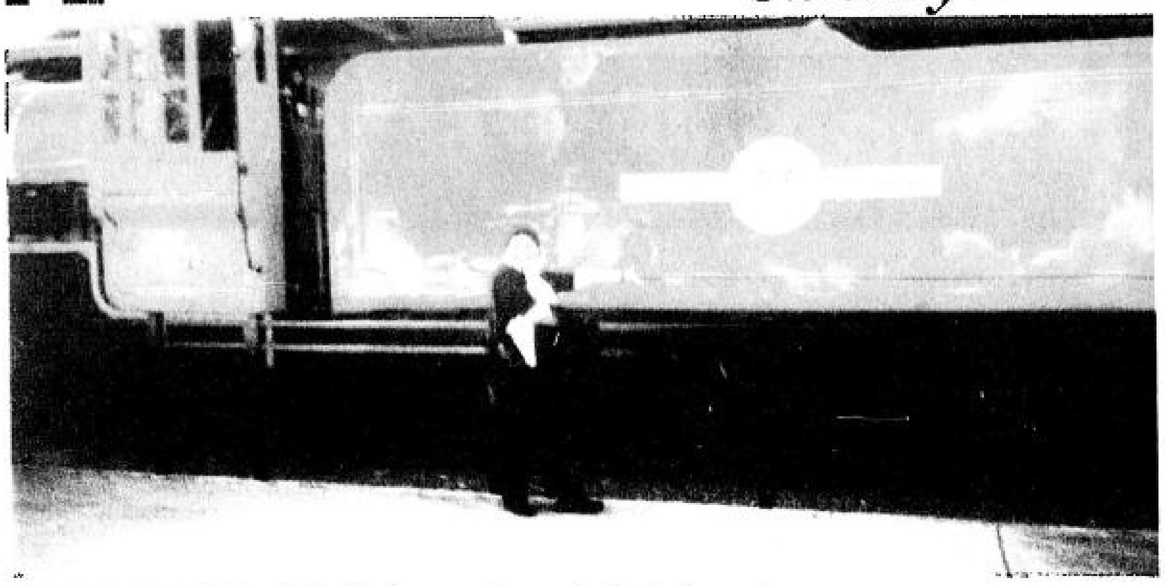


APPROACHING Platform 9-¾ with Hogwarts Express in the background

THE CUPBOARD under the stairs in the Dursleys' home

In the world of Harry Potter

Queensland's theme park devoted to Pottermania puts audiences in touch with enchantment through special-effect wizardry

From page E1

With the help of Qantas, the airline sponsor of the journalism awards, my mother and I got complimentary passes to the theme park. Mr. David Luxton, international marketing executive, met us at the entrance and gave us a map and some brochures. He ushered us straight to Platform 9-¾ where I got my first glimpse of the Hogwarts Express, which was colored fire-engine red.

We lined up on a platform and waited for our turn to enter Diagon Alley. A few minutes later, a wizard dressed in purple robes appeared at the front of the line and led us through the back door of the Leaky Cauldron pub. Ashley Simpson, our wizard guide, asked for a volunteer to tap on the brick wall facing us. A little boy bravely stepped up and gave the wall three very soft taps. At that instant the wall parted in the middle, just as it did when Hagrid first accompanied Harry to Diagon Alley.

All the stores I remember from the book and from the movie were there—Madam Malkin's Robes for All Occasions, Flourish and Blott's bookstore, The Apothecary and Ollivander's Wand Shop. I even saw the Nimbus 2000 on display at the Quality Quidditch Store.

We stopped outside Ollivander's, where Ashley invited a little girl to try her hand at wand-waving. With a "swish and flick," the girl pointed her wand at a second-floor store window across the street. Suddenly there was lighting and a loud crash. The kids were awed, it was magic for real. The adults were amazed, too—at the wonders of technology.

Farther ahead was Gringotts Wizarding Bank, which marked the end of the first part of the tour. I was hoping we would enter it and perhaps take a ride to the vault, like Harry and Hagrid, but we didn't.

Next stop was the "owlery," the place where owls belonging to Hogwarts School and its students are housed. It was dark, with only the glare from the projector screen serving as light. We weren't allowed to use flash cameras. I expected to see several owls, real or computer-generated, but we saw only one. A girl, also in robes, came out from one side with an owl perched on her left shoulder. She told us a bit about owls. It was the first time I had seen a real owl up close.

The last part of the tour took us to other places in Harry Potter's magical world. These included sets from the movie such as the cupboard under the stairs in the Dursleys' home (which was littered with letters that Harry received from Hogwarts), the Gryffindor common room (with cut-out figures of the three main characters), Harry's dormitory bed and the interior of Hagrid's hut.

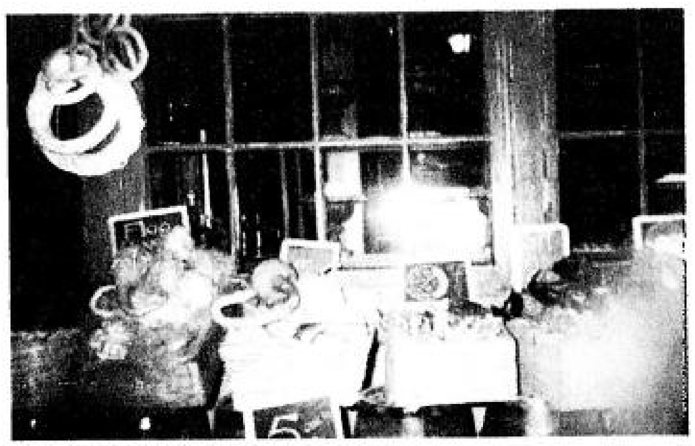
Books and wands

Also on display were some chess pieces and the actual robes that Harry, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger wore at Hogwarts, along with other props from the movie like the textbooks they used, the snitch and a few wands. I must admit that the walk-through was a bit hurried and my mom and I had to go through it twice to really appreciate it all. But even if I had expected more magic, I'm thrilled enough to have been there.

Before we left I made sure I took home proof of my visit—a Gryffindor cap, a wand, and lots of Chocolate Frogs and Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans!

The Harry Potter Movie Magic Experience closed last July 31. But not to worry, Warner Bros. MovieWorld will only be updating the tour to coincide with the release of the second Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

With each installment of the Harry Potter books, the stories become more intriguing and magical. And if that were also the case with the tour, then I would expect an even more exciting Harry Potter Movie Experience soon. I should better start praying that I get to see that one too!



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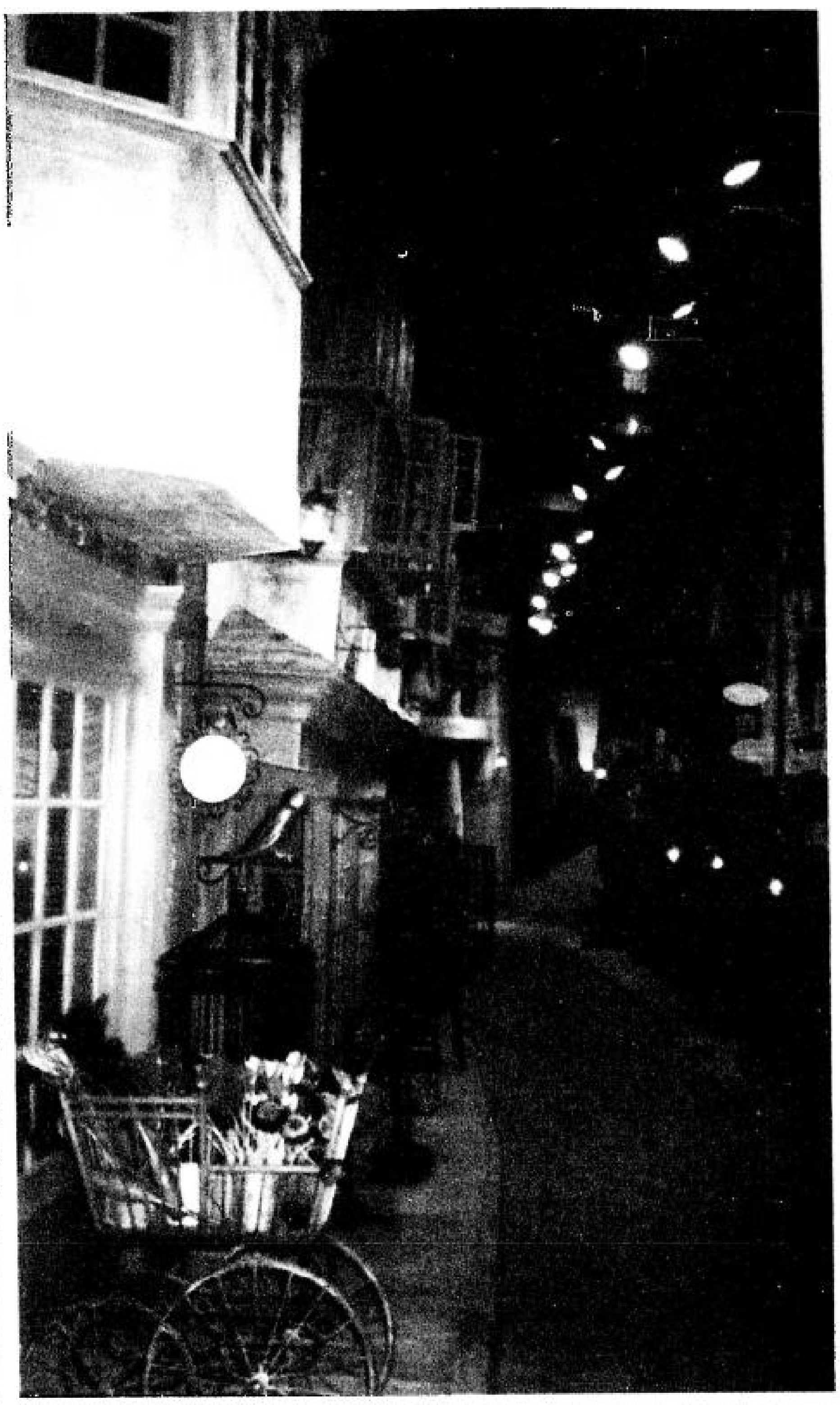
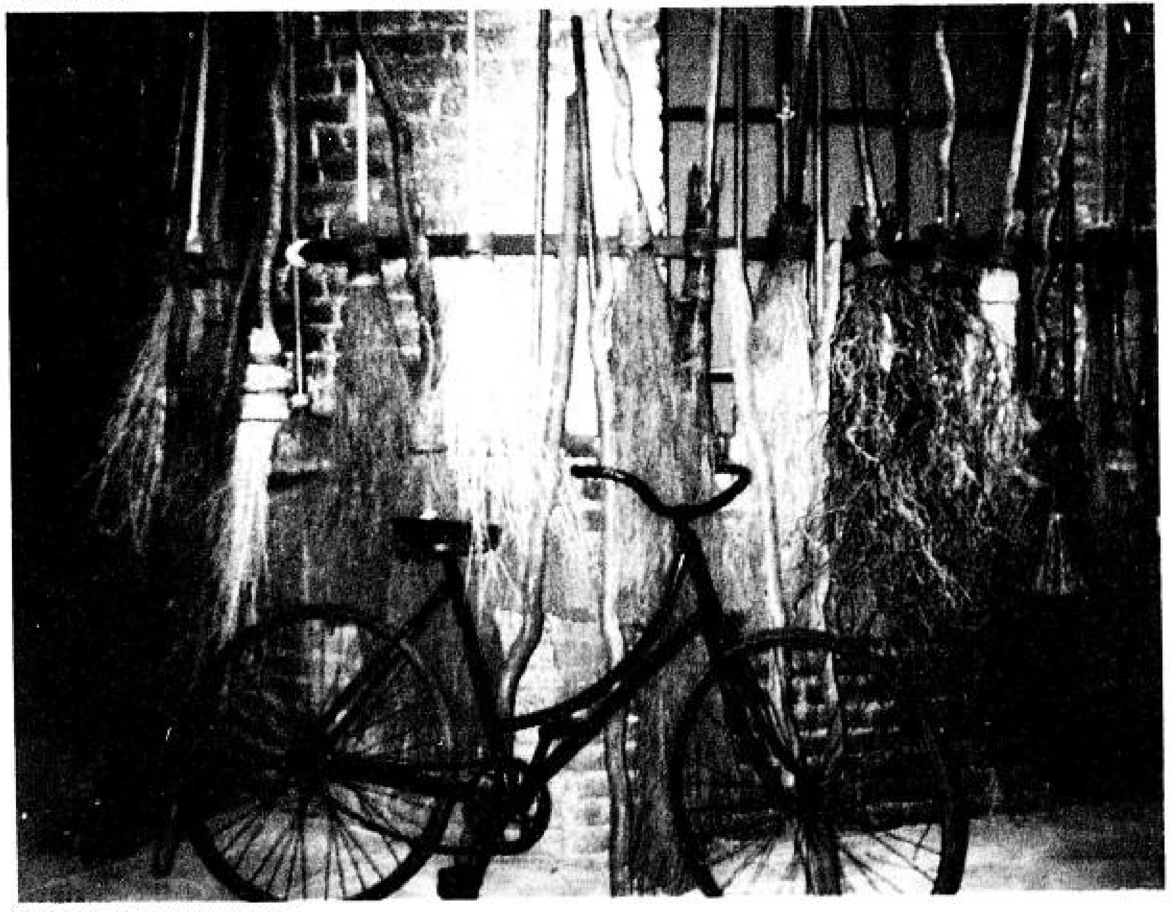


INSIDE the Diagon Alley



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HE is willful, she is loving. He likes to do naughty things while she is intent on making him obedient.

Amid the chaos of their out-of-this world relationship, they find the true meaning of friendship and family. But what's intriguing about them is that one is an alien while the other is a true Hawaiian girl.

When Lilo finds Stitch during her search for a pet, their wacky, yet heartwarming relationship begins.

Walt Disney Pictures presents "Lilo & Stitch," an endearing animated comedy centering on "Ohana," a Hawaiian concept of family. The "Ohana" principle means that no one gets left behind or forgotten. The film demonstrates the contrasting characters of Lilo and Stitch and how they are able to build a solid foundation of friendship and trust.

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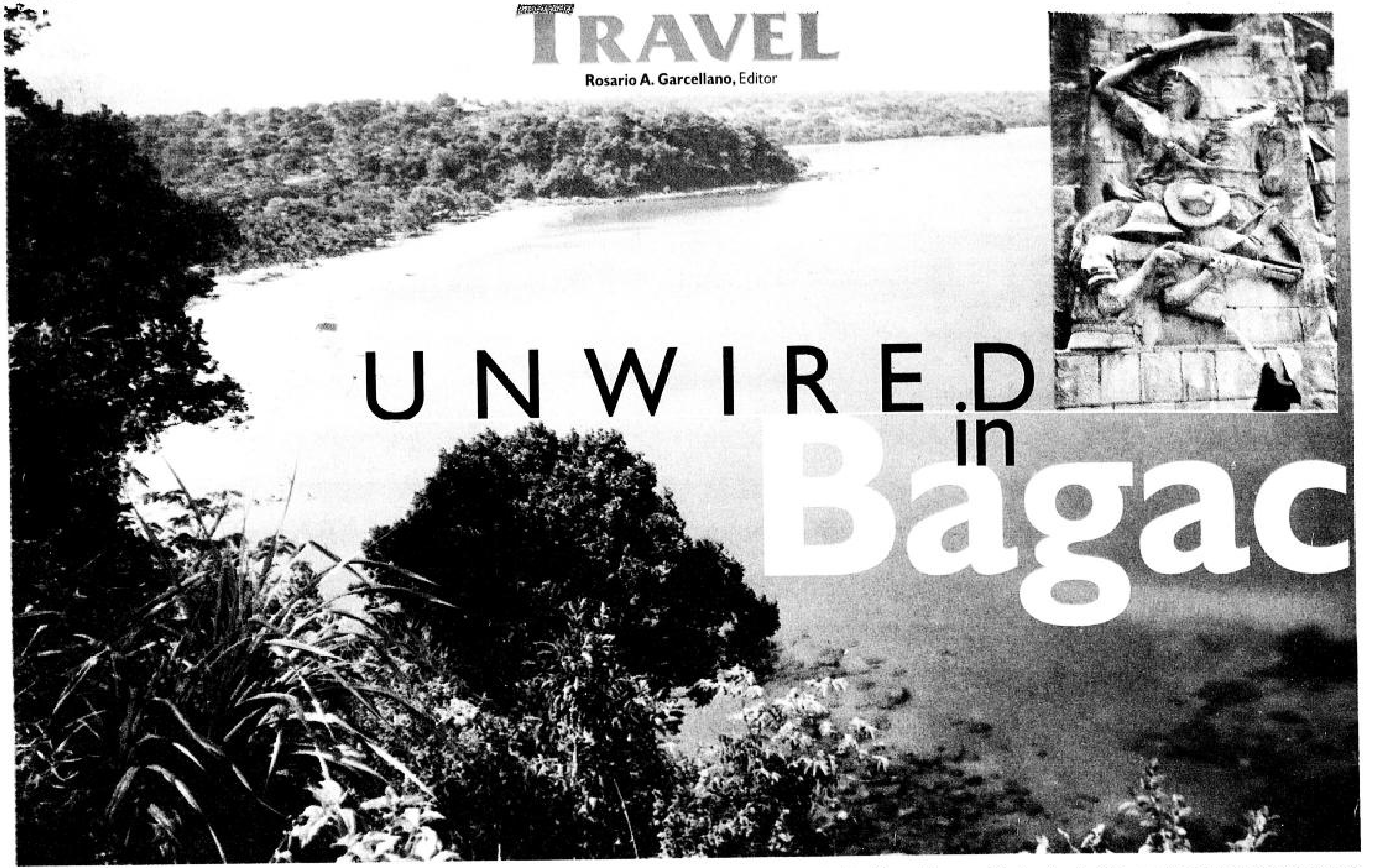

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UNWIRED in Bagac

A family embarks on a 7-day challenge—no TV, no cell phones, no computers—and emerges refreshed from an idyllic experience

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

CAN one really "get away from it all"? In this totally wired world where cell phones ignore time zones, sleep patterns and work hours, where even the most secret cult has a website, and where reality TV means knowing what the Osbournes had for lunch, can one survive a week without what have become the basic necessities of decent living? And will the kids ever forgive us?

We found out the minute we parked the dusty family vehicle along Montemar Resort's beach area in Bagac, Bataan.

"Mom, we're on the set of the 'Survivor' TV series!" moaned the college-age teenager. Piped up her 13-year-old brother: "Great! Now I can use my Swiss knife to hunt down wild pigs and go spear fishing. And at night, we can have a tribal council and vote Mommy off this island!" (This, on Mother's Day too. Talk about Hallmark sentiments.)

I looked around: an embrace of mountains and lush forests on both sides of the horizon; calm blue waters with a hint of foam; an endless expanse of beige sand littered with shells. No trace of backstabbing whiners who dump on everybody else on primetime TV, hoping to land the million-dollar pot. Was I missing something?

"But there's no cell site, no signal!"

"No cable.TV, no computers, no Counter-strike!"

Alas, poor Yorick. This is hell on earth for the txt generation. Ask them what they'd take on a desert. island and they'd probably say a cruise ship—to get them back to civilization fast, without missing a single episode of "Buffy," a texted joke or their chat room.

Indeed, getting away from it all has become an oxymoron in a world where even tourist spot commercials feature beach bums stuck to their cell phones or glued to their laptops while getting a tan.

And so the two adults in the household approached the prospect of a week's return-to-basics with the stealth of a Balikatan exercise. Don't tell the kids until it's too late for them to invent an excuse not to go. Hide the brochures so they don't see the space atop the dresser where the TV set should be. Discreetly pack the tools of distraction—playing cards, the chess set, Scrabble, Game of the Generals, Uno Stacko, guitar, songbook, snorkel goggles, the radio, tape recorder and cassette tapes and a gazillion books—so they won't suspect a thing.

In the end, however, and two days before D-Day, we had to tell them lest they accuse us of human rights violation and report us to Bantay Bata 163. We also had to ask them to pack their favorite books or we would have been forced to haul the entire library into the car trunk. We ended up with 25 titles—from Asterix comic books to Shakespeare for Dummies to a thick tome on Che Guevarra, whose visage the daughter finds irresistible on t-shirts.

Truth to tell, I had my own doubts: Can four confirmed city slickers survive seven days and seven nights without television, computers and a cell site in the name of "family bonding," as the resort proudly describes it? It was going to be the scariest experiment in our quotidian lives. Sure we could swim all day and trek and snorkel in the coral-rich waters, but what do we do nights? Can we afford to miss the next episode of "Friends"? Already, the boy is making like a zombie, chanting a refrain from the Simpsons' take on Stephen King's "The Shining": "No beer and no TV make Homer crazy. No Net and no TV make Emil a mad boy..."

The first two days were easy—the sea beckoned and the sights begged to be photographed. Then there's the Mt. Samat Shrine, which meant a half-day excursion and another half-day getting over the exertion. We tried to get to Donsulan Falls but gave up after an hour's ride through rugged back roads that yielded only more dirt roads and tall cogon grass, which, the daughter dutifully pointed out, looked "exactly like a scene from 'Children of the Corn.'" We couldn't get out of there fast enough.

Boating was on the agenda but it was postponed until the last day because we heard the news about this ferry sinking off Biliran over our trusty transistor radio, and took that as a sign. The funny thing about back-to-nature trips is that everything becomes a sign. We learned to parse every sight and sound for meaning. The crickets singing meant rain; a star we couldn't place on the constellation was probably a spacecraft on the prowl; a necklace of lights on the horizon was a group of fisher folk doing their business—unless they're Abu Sayyaf bandits casing the joint, the kids gleefully added. Well, the parents thought, teenagers keeping their ghoulish sense of humor despite their deprivation was a good sign.

On late mornings when it was too hot to swim, there was always the radio and dzRH's slew of soap operas, from "Matud Nila" to "Mr. Romantiko," to "Bimbo," to "Ito ang Palad Ko!" We found ourselves weeping—with laughter—over our laundry, as we listened to the endless travails of Every Man, Woman and Creature Who Saw Everything as a Crisis. Everyone, except Bimbo, dropped their lines with the requisite anger of an avenging angel, heaving, hissing and hyperventilating like they were pitching some throat lozenge.

A twist of the dial and we were back to the mid-'60s with "Minsa'y Isang Awit ni Larry Damian" over dwWW. We dared not sing along lest we date ourselves, but some tunes proved irresistible and we found ourselves miming heartbreak with such oldies as "The Music Played." The kids made gagging sounds and mimed hara-kiri with a hanger.

But thank God for small towns and their rustic charms. Bagac, some 100 kilometers from Manila, does not have a McDo, Jollibee or Dunkin Donuts. But it has plenty of roadside stalls where, the time we were there, green and yellow mangoes sold for P15 a kilo alongside other backyard staples like *duhat, siniguelas, buko* and *santol*. Wander off into the market and one or two natives would invariably hail you with a courteous question on what you're looking for, and escort you to wherever it is you feel like moseying around.

The lone *carinderia*, Roger's Eatery, served Bicol Express, *laing* and *tinuktok*, "each dish made with 10 coconuts," *Mang* Roger preened, as we licked our plates clean and asked for second servings. Like esteemed guests, we were served complimentary mangoes—their own harvest—and bowls of fresh corn soup. The folks were so hospitable the hubby quickly whispered when he saw me eyeing a bamboo dipper on the wall: "Don't point to anything you like in this house. They might give it to us." I took one last longing look at the dipper and bit my tongue.

At night, there was always the hometown *santacruzan*, or *alay*, as they call it here. No movie stars, no fancy designer gowns, just giant crosses and bamboo arches wrapped in aluminum foil. We counted a total of five beauties, from preschooler to late teens, and a ragtag band that didn't even have a uniform. But the pride on everyone's face shone as bright as the candles they held aloft, enough reason for us to chase the procession down the side streets for another glimpse.

The night we stalked a *santacruzan*, the kids giggled, as we planted our touristy selves on the narrow road.

But ah, well, all too soon and before we could have a Scrabble rematch, it was time to pack and go home. What? It's been a week? And we didn't even have time to get bored! (OK, we cheated. Once. On the third night, we yielded and reserved the TV set in the resort's recreation room. But it was the new season of "Sex And the City"! It was all the vicarious sex we'd be getting, we thought. And we never repeated the request.)

When the excitement of card games and board matches began to pall, there was always the beach where an early evening stroll would extend into midnight. There, lounging under the stars, we contemplated the universe, the kids showing off their Science aptitude by pointing out Orion, the alignment of the planets, Sirius B, Casiopeia, Ursa Major, Andromeda, and so on, while their mom did Pilates under cover of darkness on the beach deck chair. Even the arrival of this group of Ayala employees who did their group dynamics to the tune of "Sex Bomb" and "Angelina" did little to dispel the magic of the moment.

Shorn of technology-driven accessories, we discovered our hands again as we sculpted sand castles, gathered shells and caught plate-sized jelly fish, pitching them on the sand and trying to land one the farthest.

Our legs didn't let us down either, as we climbed Mt. Samat Shrine's circuitous steps, imagining the battle over this forest some 50 years ago and brushing up on our World War II history while catching our breath in the underground museum. Other reminders of war that we passed along the way—the Friendship Bell and the Zero Kilometer Marker where the infamous Death March commenced—gave us pause, knowing that BBC's and CNN's video footage of similar wars in the Middle East, Kabul and Kashmir could at that very moment be playing on TV screens elsewhere.

Playing Scrabble, we were elated to discover that we could still spell words in their entirety, resisting the impulse to resort to txt mode when the vowels proved elusive. Shakespeare proved to be good company as well, as did the kids who acquitted themselves marvelously and acted more grown up than last we remembered. (Bitter truth: we *are* getting old.)

Then, of course, without the engaging presence of television, we rediscovered the lost art of conversation. Beyond the usual "What's for dinner?" and the hurried "wl b hom l8" texted intermittently, we eyeballed each other over the board games, the dinner table and the beach, comparing the relative merits of having *adobo* or *kare-kare* for dinner, commenting on each other's body fat, and arm-wrestling over who gets the last leg of chicken.

For a week at least, the kids didn't let their fingers, specifically their thumb, do the talking.

After all that, they'll probably moan and groan about the whole ordeal to their friends and classmates, but they're not fooling us. No TV, no cell phone and no computers make parents psychic.

There, now. This parent sees similar jaunts in the future.

RELEARNING to use one's hands on the beach

MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE rooms with a splash of flowers

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Top agents

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines honored its top agents in a ceremony at its recent Top Agents Awards Night at the Manila Peninsula in Makati City.

Those presented plaques of appreciation were Helen Hao, Pan Pacific Travel; Alice San Juan, Rajah Travel; Carol Caparas, King of Travel; Gerry de Guzman, Adventure International Tours; Marilu Ngo, Sierra Tours; Joel Silvestre, Gateway Tours; Missy Ungson, Marsman Tours & Travel; Maricar Magalong, Instone Philippines; Lucille Chabeldin, Thomas Cook (Phils.) Inc.; and Connie Mamaril, Regent Travel.

KLM Philippines officials led by general manager Richard Oliver, marketing manager Frank van't Hof, sales manager Joey Laurente, and sales representative Joanna Tan, and Jenny Dayrit, general manager of International Airline Services Asia, attended the ceremony.

'Suite Advantage'

THE BARCELO Sarabia Manor Hotel and Convention Center in Iloilo City is offering special rates for all its suites until Sept. 30.

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Intramuros museum

THE DEPARTMENT of Tourism has begun construction of the "Light and Sound Museum" in the old walled city of Intramuros in Manila.

Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon led the groundbreaking ceremonies for the museum—which is scheduled to open in time for the observance of "Visit Philippines Year 2003"—at the Baluarte de San Diego.

"We are constructing this museum as part of a grand plan to bring back the old glory of the historic walled city of Intramuros and develop it as a 24-hour tourist destination," Gordon said, adding:

"We envision Intramuros as the lead in showcasing our cultural heritage and our people's tourist-friendly qualities."

Gordon said that while Visit Philippines Year 2003 was aimed at highlighting to the world the best that the country and its people had to offer, the sprucing up of Intramuros was another project that could uplift the Filipino spirit.

Included in the grand plan for the walled city are such measures as a cleanliness and beautification drive, complete street lighting and construction of comfort rooms.

The 10-member Council for Intramuros Development will represent the Intramuros community in the planning and implementation of the various projects.

A cultural night market to sell arts and crafts from the country's regions is on the drawing board. The presentation of "the best of the best" of cultural shows from more than 100 ethnolinguistic groups as well as original and contemporary Filipino musicals is likewise being planned.

Universal Living Rosary Association keeps devotion to St. Philomena alive

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

SINCE I wrote about St. Philomena 12 years ago, devotion has remained strong as shown by the 100,000 members of the Universal Living Rosary Association of St. Philomena in the Philippines. Dina Reyes, who runs the National Center at 430 Mayon St., QC, affirms that the devotion is still alive not only here but also abroad.

For the first time on Aug. 11, the saint's feast, I was able to attend Mass honoring St. Philomena at Holy Redeemer Church on Malac Street, Masambong, QC. Celebrated by parish priest Fr. Jojo Zerrudo, the Mass was highlighted by the kissing of the relic of St. Philomena by the people who knelt on the Communion rail.

Father Jojo enthroned the image of St. Philomena three years ago following the example of St. John Marie Vianney who was a devotee of the saint.

The patron saint of diocesan parish priests, St. John Marie Vianney was called the Cure of Ars. He made a litany to the saint while Pauline Jaricot, another devotee, put up the Living Rosary in 1826 in Lyon, France, wherein a decade of the Rosary is assigned to a member and prayed during the day to honor St. Philomena.

The saint was born to a noble family in Ancient Greece on Jan. 10, 289 and was martyred by Emperor Diocletian on Aug. 10, 302. She was tortured for 37 days when she refused to marry Diocletian. Finally the latter pierced her neck with a lance and her soul went up to Heaven.

"Philomena" is derived from the name "Filumena," which means "daughter of the Light." The saint is called the "wonder worker" of the Church. Philomena's bones were only discovered in 1802 in the catacombs and were carried to Mugnano, Italy, where a shrine was built. The bones have been gracefully and artistically encased in a life-like human form, so viewers get the impression of a young girl peacefully sleeping. Her face is made of wax.

Vicky Frias says that the saint knocks when she answers a prayer. Vicky remembers that when she prayed to the saint for help, she heard someone knocking at the door. When she opened it, nobody was there. Her family problem was eventually solved. Those who wish to become members of the Living Rosary can write Dina Reyes at Living Rosary National Center, 430 Mayon St., 1114 QC. For *estampitas*, beep 1481-1002561.

Father Jojo told me that students go to his church to pray to St. Philomena so they can pass the board exams. The saint helps children and teenagers who pray to her. Many cases of women who experienced difficulties in their pregnancies are recorded. After praying to the saint, they were able to give birth with ease. She is also invoked for conversion of heretics, healing and financial difficulties.

Holy Redeemer Church holds a novena to her every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Help build Sta. Monica church

Sta. Monica Parish in Puerto Princesa, Palawan needs help for the construction of a new church on the one-hectare land donated by the Dominican Sisters.

The present church is located on a small area. Led by parish priest Fr. Pepito Rollo, the parish covers four barangays—Sta. Monica, Irawan, Tiniguiban and Sicsican—and has 30,000 Catholics.

Aug. 27 is the feast of Sta. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. The appeal comes at a time when devotees are praying her novena. Please include in your prayers the construction of the church, which will cost P8 million.

Those who wish to help can deposit donations at Account No. 1368-398-566 in Rizal Commercial and Banking Corp., or call Father Rollo at (048) 434-3065 or Johnny Carls at (0916) 562-2430. Thank you for your kindness.

I am looking for a novena to Sta. Monica. Please beep me 141-020543 if you have one.

Life of love and service

"Lourdes Talag Echauz: A Life of Love and Service" is the title of the book that Llita T. Logarta wrote about the former president and now chair emeritus of Centro Escolar University. Launched at CEU on her birthday, Dr. Echauz welcomed on July 19 family and colleagues who went to CEU for the launch and birthday party.

The book is a gift of lawyer Romeo Echauz to his beloved wife. Dr. Echauz was the first alumna who became president of CEU. She was responsible for the school's additional buildings and for putting up a CEU branch in Malolos, Bulacan.

Dr. Echauz's life and work truly inspires. May your tribe increase!

Trip to Medjugorje

Arpex Travel is organizing a trip to Medjugorje. Departure is on Oct. 2. There is an option to go to Lourdes. Call Alice or Chit at 525-3883/3902.

Marian pilgrimage

Economy Travel is preparing a pilgrimage to Marian shrines, including Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Salamanca, Spain. Call Flor at 302-2519/2568. Chaplain is Fr. Mario Valdez of St. Stephen Church in Bangar, La Union.

Paco fiesta

Paco church, which is dedicated to San Fernando de Dilao, is holding a nine-day novena to the Santo Sepulcro until Aug. 24. Fiesta is Aug. 25. The president of the fiesta committee is Ed Holgado, while in charge of getting sponsors for fiesta Masses is Sol Alturas Yu.

In preparation for the fiesta, homilies on the Christian family are given by Mass celebrants. Bishop Teodoro Bacani will say Mass during the *bisperas*, while Bishop Reodoro Buhain will celebrate the fiesta Mass.

Mother Francisca's Tricentennial

The Tricentennial of the death of Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo will be launched on Aug. 24 with a Mass at 4 p.m. at the Letran College chapel and the unveiling of her statue across the Letran building along Muralla Street, Intramuros. Bishop Tom Yalung will preside.

ST. PHILOMENA in Holy Redeemer church in Masambong, QC

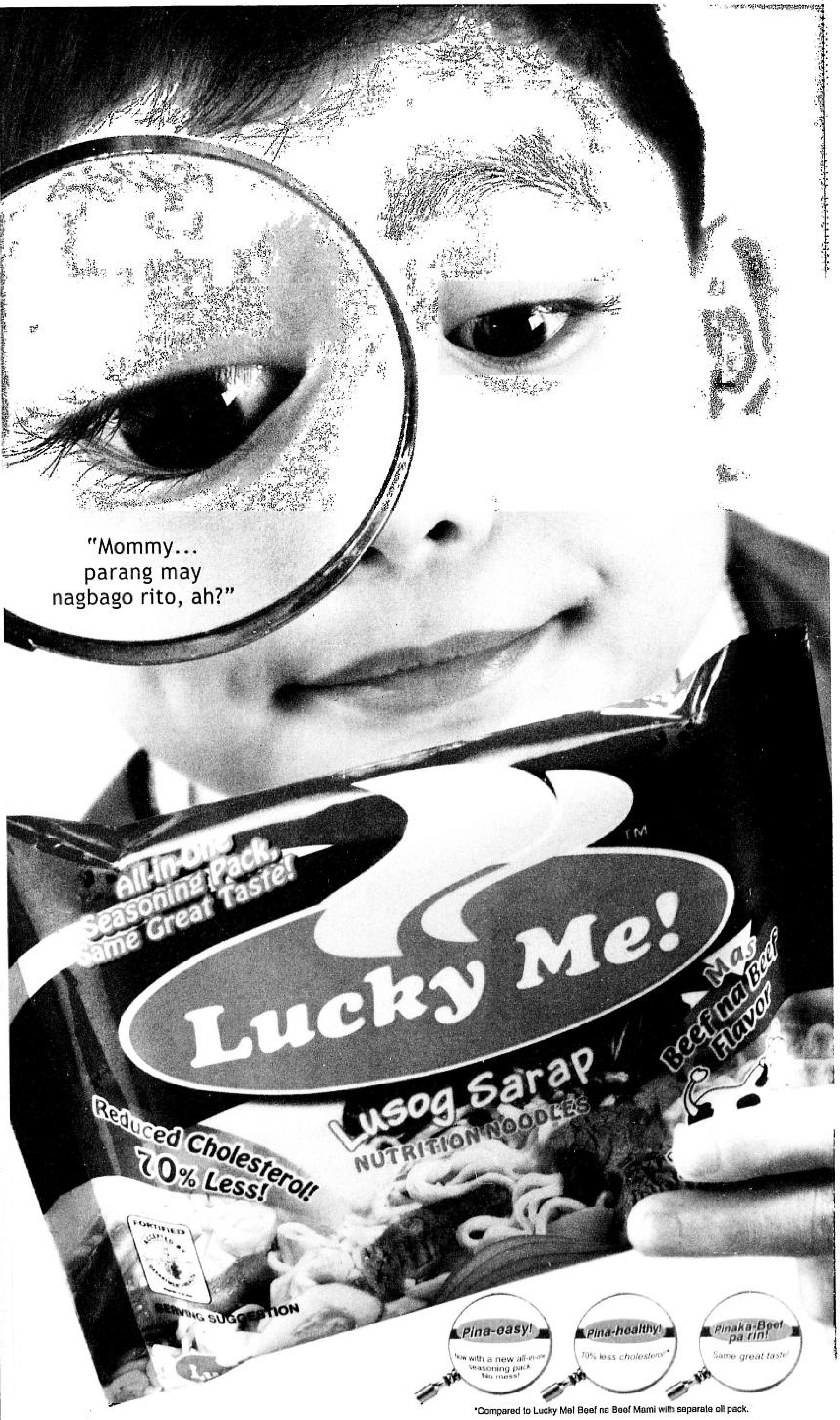
Celebration of Quezon's 125th birth anniversary

IN CELEBRATION of the 125th birth anniversary of President Manuel Luis Quezon and as a fitting tribute to the "Ama ng Wikang Pilipino" and Founding Father of Quezon City, a Filipiniana cultural presentation reels off at the Quezon Memorial Circle, Liwasang Aurora today, 6-7:30 p.m.

The program, organized by Quezon City Parks Development Foundation president Charito Planas, in cooperation with National Commission for Culture & the Arts chairman Evelyn Pantig and executive director Maria Fina Yonzon, features *kundiman* renditions from senior citizens' organizations, Balagtasan, Sabayang Pagbigkas and choir numbers of Filipino classical music, love songs and OPMs.

Featured artists are Queen of Kundiman Carmen Camacho, most outstanding *kundiman* singer Ver Dayap, Dr. Fe Nera, lawyer Cres Odulio and Lucina Littawa, from Coalition of Services of the Elderly, Philippines United Senior Citizens Association, Golden Agers Club and Tanglaw Buhay; Asia Pacific Sabayang Pagbigkas Regional champion Quezon City High School; Andres Bonifacio Choir of Prof. Jerry Dadap; Philippine National School for the Blind Choir and Balagtasan from Quezon City Division of City Schools.

The public is invited. Free admission.



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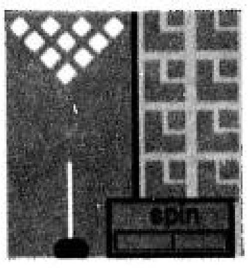

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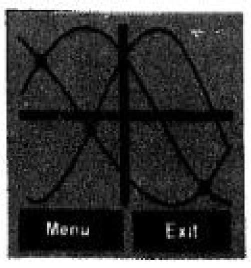

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Brainiac

Do you have what it takes to be a Brainiac? This brain-teaser game will let you test your brain power and logical thinking skills.

Sunday LIFESTYLE

GUCCI'S "crème de la crocodile"

Start of 'ber' months means the fall/winter collection

MUST-HAVE BAGS. With September almost here, that means one thing in the retail business—the beginning of the autumn/winter collection. For fashionable ladies with the means, these are the bags they must have on their yoga-toned arms: Gucci's "crème de la crocodile" with a wooden handle and which looks like a doctor's bag with tail flap, Givenchy's Grommet bag and Fendi's large Ostrik bag with metal embossed design.

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

Move over, Viagra. Soon to be passed around is a drug that would make Viagra look like a pussycat soaked in rainwater. Vardenafil is a pill that's supposed to treat erectile dysfunction.

Medical research has found that erectile dysfunction affects more than half of all men over the age of 40—"Oh no! You mean bleep and bleep can't get it up. He's 40!" Well, maybe this will help.

Vardenafil is still undergoing final tests before it is released commercially. But experiments on human "guinea pigs" show signs that it might replace Viagra as the drug of choice by those who would like to see life in the lower regions.

TNT tidbits. Josh Groban coming to Manila? Several months have passed since I first came up with a story on Groban, but I am still playing his songs. He is my favorite male singer and he has one of the most beautiful voices in the world. If you still do not have a copy of his debut CD (where have you been, Afghanistan?), you must get a copy. Well, Groban might be coming to Manila in October. The trip is still in the planning stages so all you Groban fans out there, keep your fingers (and everything else) crossed.

More Rex Navarrete. Filipino-American stand-up comedian **Rex Navarrete,** who has been taking Manila by storm with his brand of stand-up comedy, will have his last performance, Aug. 30 at Dish. This Fil-Am comic is so refreshing (unlike some who have memorized their spiels by now for lack of material). He pokes fun at Filipino immigrants who try

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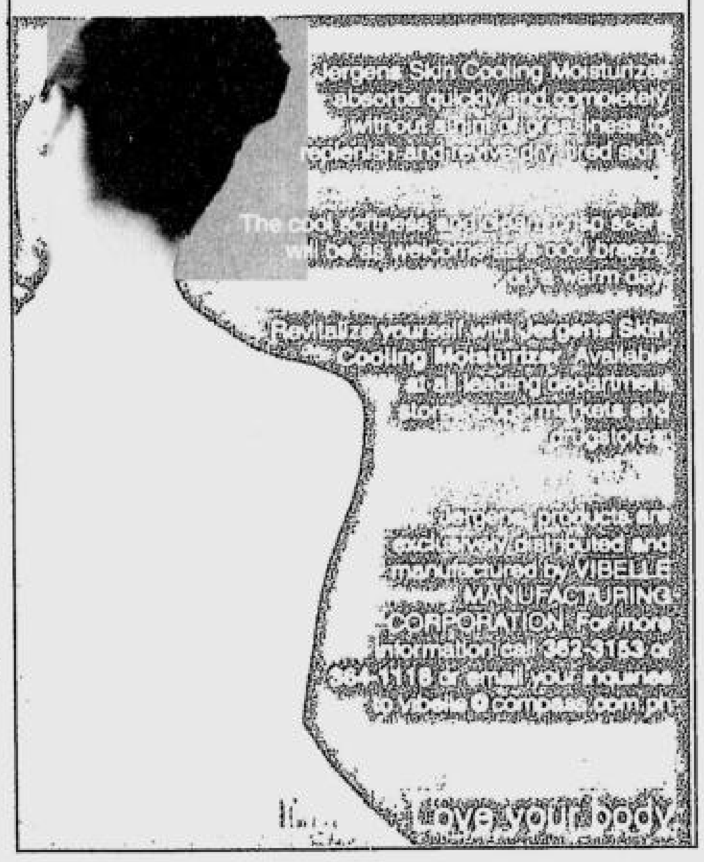

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to fit in the US, without losing their distinct Pinoy culture. Check out his website (www.rexnavarrete. com). By the end of the year, he will come up with a comedy DVD.

Hotel in Manila is one of the world's best. I got the August issue of Travel & Leisure, which features its annual World's Best awards. In the magazine's list of top hotels in Asia, the Makati Shangri-La is No. 22, beating Grand Hyatt in Bali and Kowloon Shangri-La in Hong Kong, among others. It's no mean feat to be included in this list, especially as the Makati hotel is the only one from the Philippines.

Congratulations to the Shangri-La hotel people, especially GM **Richard Riley**, director for marketing **Gami Holazo** and good friend director of communications **Joy Wassmer**.

Top city in the world. Still in the same magazine, it's great to see Bangkok get the No. 3 spot among the Top 10 best cities in the world, eclipsing Hong Kong. Numbers 1 and 2 are Sydney and Florence, respectively. This is wishful thinking, but I can't help but wonder when Manila would land on this list—hopefully in my lifetime at least.

Must-watch play—"Alikabok." You just can't put a good play down.

"Alikabok," which was first staged in 1995, just keeps getting better and better. The play has haunting songs, incredible stage sets and great performers and performances. "Alikabok" will be shown 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 21-23 at the Music Museum. For ticket inquiries, call 721-7229/1765.

Blame Lea Salonga's accent. Filipinos are known to be great copycats. Take for example singers who can sound like foreign artists. But when it comes to accents, no one can beat **Lea Salonga**.

I remember the euphoria when she was chosen to be the lead in "Miss Saigon." An interview was done by **Monique Wilson** for "Probe" (I think). They were seen traipsing around Manila Bay as the sun was setting. The next time we saw Lea, she was being interviewed on West End and, guess what, she had acquired a British accent! Two reactions: They either laughed at her or marveled at her chameleon-like ability. I did the first one.

You see I really have a hard time when people adopt these fake accents without paying their dues (think: they should have at least studied or lived in a country for more than five years to be able to develop its twang).

Growing up, I remember my friends would make fun of people who were so *pa-eng* (strong American accent) although they were in the United States only for a vacation. Sometimes when women talk about fashion and pronounce the French names like Yves Saint Laurent or Givenchy, they do so with gusto. I know of a lot of people who do that. Imagine, a normal sentence interspersed with, say, "Comme de Garçons." The person's face and demeanor change. She rolls her R's and prolongs the S, spewing some unwanted saliva your way because she has to say the names with so much gusto.

My reaction is one of embarrassment. It's like a scene where an actor overplays a role and starts looking stupid that you just have to switch off the TV. It's that bad! In the case of people with fake accents, it's too pretentious. But life teaches you to accept these things because you can't do anything about them. I mean people can try and say the words the way they want to. It's a free world.

I totally understand that there are correct pronunciations (think: Porsche—*por sha not porsh*). But when they start exaggerating, it's a different story altogether. You know when it's fake! Like the title of this item, blame it on Lea Salonga. The difference between her and us normal folks is she is an actress and has a bit of leverage when it comes to accents, acting and the like. Since we all are chameleons in our own right, we may want to audition on the West End, too.

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STILL NO. 1. Josh Groban, whose CDs are still selling like hotcakes, may be coming to Manila in October.

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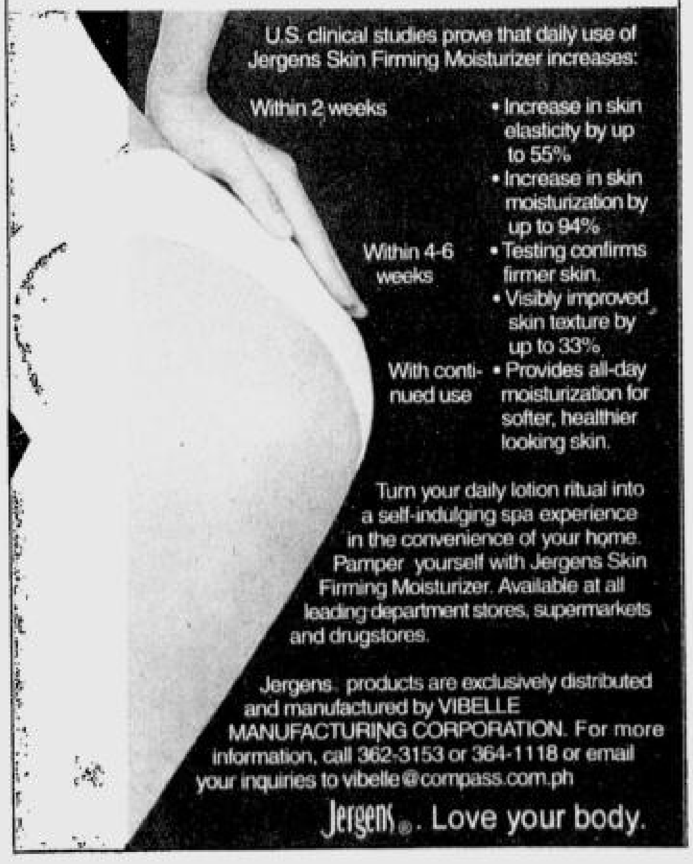

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BIRTHDAY? Anniversary? What occasion? "None," laughed Teresita "Titang" Cuenco Gonzalez when friends asked her the reason for the party she and Col. Antonio Gonzalez hosted at Plantation Bay. "Glad to be alive, and in good health," the couple, who invited 100 closest and dearest, said.

The Gonzalez children gave their all-out support. Manny Gonzalez put Plantation Bay at the couple's disposal, with dazzling results. Celine and Sonny Conejos arrived from Manila to help with the last-minute details. He did the champagne toasts that highlighted the evening.

The resort's lobby, bounded by tall graceful palms, was used for the occasion. Flowers bloomed in balls hanging between the ornate *capiz* lamps and at the center of the 10 tables draped in fine linen. Music wafted from a balcony above, courtesy of a quartet from the Peace Philharmonic. It rang clear amid the gleeful banter and tinkling laughter of bejeweled ladies. Truly, it was all quite magnificent.

An adjoining room was used for the buffet spreads. There was a Japanese table, another for salads, a carving station (pork and roast beef), a long counter with varied pastas and sauces, piping hot seafood, a rotunda of desserts and an ice cream "carrito" dispensing Joel Lee's Gelato Eliseo. A favorite flavor was one made with rose petals.

Titang's sister, Consuelo Cuenco Reyes, made a rare social appearance, wheeled in her chair and escorted by husband Rex Reyes and attended by all their children—Federico Reyes Jr., Tinoy Reyes and Chiqui Reyes Feraren, who flew from Manila just for the party. Also coming from Manila were Vicky Manguerra Montilla and Ana Maria Manguerra, Titan's lovely nieces who, before going to the party, stopped at the Magellan Monument Stalls to reserve kilos of fresh fish to bring home.

A fireworks display showing all colors of the rainbow lit up the night sky and was reflected on Plantation Bay's extensive lagoon, bringing the guests to the veranda. A small group remained after most of the guests had left to take a trip down Memory Lane. Jo Magsaysay recalled the halcyon days when Titang was official hostess to her father, then president of the Senate, Mariano Jesus Cuenco. Later, she was quite an asset in Washington D.C. as the new bride of Col. Gonzalez, the Philippine Embassy's military attaché.

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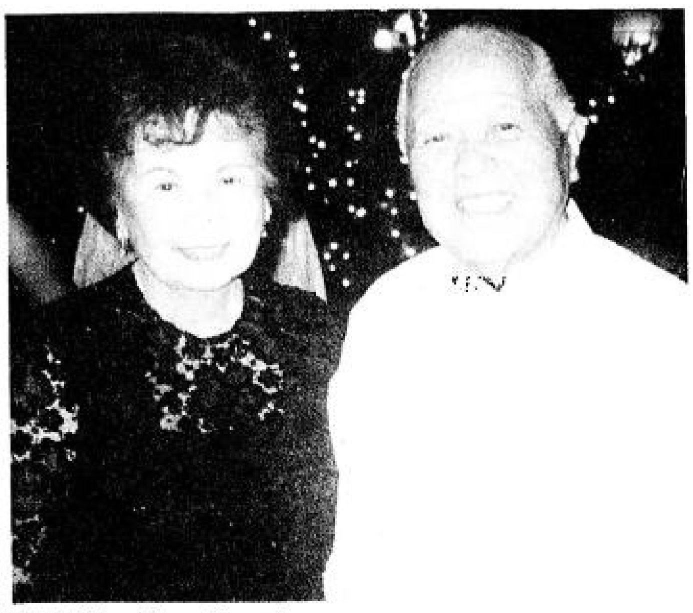
THE CEBU chapter of La Chaine des Rotisseurs held a Hawaiian luau at the beach of Plantation Bay one starry night. Countless garlands of frangipani in all colors swayed in the breeze. Waiters in floral print shirts passed around delectable canapés and fine wines in crystal goblets. The resort's GM, Efren Belarmino, and Enzo Ciliani, who had promised an impressive dinner, watched with pleased eyes.

Amparito Lhuillier and Madame la Baili of the Cebu chapter welcomed the guests with Michel Lhuillier. Very special to them and asked to share their table were Rep. Antonio Cuenco and Gabriel Palmer, who has become a legendary figure in fine wines from Valdepeñas (Spain) which he distributes in Cebu.

Among those seated at Ingrid Sala Santamaria's table were her uncle Jesus Sala, daughter Cecile Santamaria Nubla, and furniture designer par excellence Ramon Castellano. Teresing Mendezona sat with Nestor and Joji Alonso, Michael and Joanna Lhuillier.

Also present were Cebu City councilor Silvan Jakosalem; Swiss Consul Markus Stern; Alegre Beach Resort's Vivian Yrastorza; Ollie Dychangco, with daughter Kathleen; Tony Lozada, who also brought his daughter Sarah Lee; Al Evangelio, Mayen Tan, Richard Uysiuseng, Billy Jaca, Roy Pimentel and Mila Demecillo.



TITANG and Tony Gonzalez

MICHAEL Lhuillier, Ingrid Santamaria, Joanna Lhuillier and Teresing Mendezona

MICHEL and Amparito Lhuillier with Rep. Antonio Cuenco

SONNY and Celine Conejos

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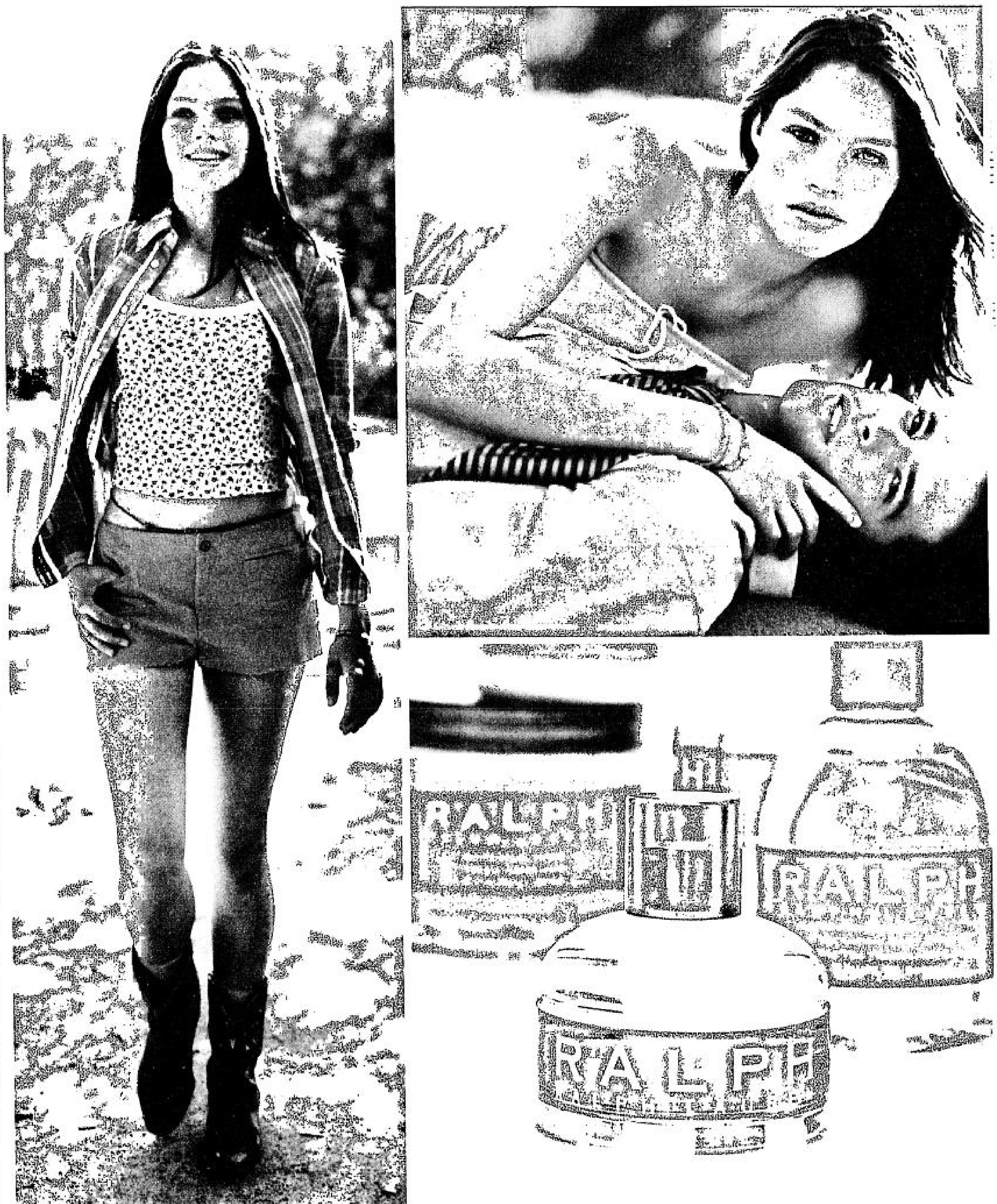

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ROSE MARIE Arenas and her daughter Rachel with Dr. Ippolito Lelli, the international promoter and manager of world tenor Andrea Bocelli

Baby Arenas organizes Manila concert of Andrea Bocelli

PHILANTHROPIST and impresario Rosemarie "Baby" Arenas arrived from a fruitful trip to Europe where she first stopped in Italy to attend the canonization of Padre Pio in a Holy Mass said by the Pope. Despite his condition, the Holy Father managed to display his enthusiasm by passing through the crowd estimated at two million, at St. Peter's Square after the Mass. Instead of immediately leaving St. Peter's Square, the Pope smiled and waved to the people as his open vehicle passed every line of the crowd. The audience, which started to assemble as early as 5 a.m. for the 10 a.m. Mass, cheered the Holy Father. The party of Arenas arrived at the Square before 7 a.m. and stayed till after 1 p.m. in blazing heat.

The Pope was even undaunted when, during the Mass, a man breached security lines and went rushing to his direction. It was amazing how the Secret Service agents efficiently operated during the incident to disable the man and simultaneously to secure the Pope.

ARENAS and daughter Rachel with Marilen Guisande at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican during the canonization of Capuchin priest, Padre Pio of Pietrecina

Padre Pio, now addressed as San Pio, an Italian Capuchin priest, is not only well-loved in Italy but also has a wide following in other parts of the world, including the Philippines. Arenas began her work on promoting awareness on Padre Pio some 30 years ago after she met him during her trip to Foggia, Italy. It was during this encounter, which changed her forever, that she was able to get a piece of the gauze used to cover the wounds of Padre Pio, who bore the stigmata or the wounds that resembled those of Christ. The encounter prompted her to start, along with her late mother, national opera diva Remedios Bosch Jimenez, a prayer group for the glorification of Padre Pio. Shortly after, she established the Father Pio Lend a Hand Foundation, a charitable institution that reaches out to help indigents, specially the children and the youth.

Arenas plans to build a church to give the devotees of Padre Pio a place where they can pay homage to him.

During her European trip, she met the group of Maestro Andrea Bocelli to finalize plans for a concert in Manila. It will be remembered that Arenas was behind the successful "Pavarotti in Manila" concert featuring world tenor Luciano Pavarotti. In Rome, she met with the international promoter of Bocelli, Ippolito Lelli, and she agreed to stage the concert in early 2003. The initial plan was to hold it sometime this year, but the required production time and the forthcoming US tour of Bocelli will make it difficult to have it this year. Arenas plans to stage it at the Araneta Coliseum, which has more than 15,000 seats.

Arenas vows to make the concert a major production because she said, if Bocelli can come and stay in Manila, it will boost Philippine tourism. The concert will make a strong statement that the Philippines is a safe and sound destination for tourists and investors. Definitely, when Bocelli performs here, there will be extensive international media coverage, as was the case with the Pavarotti concert. Proof of her belief that the Bocelli concert will be best for the country's tourism is the fact that many of her friends from the international jet-set community have expressed their support for the project and their desire to come to the Philippines for the event. Some of them come from the Italian nobility, such as Countess Patrizia de Blanck and world-renowned fashion designer Renato Balestra, who hosted parties in honor of Arenas during her visit to Italy. According to Arenas, she hopes this will create a bandwagon effect and attract more people from other countries to visit the Philippines.

COUNTESS Patrizia de Blanck and her daughter Giada with Baby Arenas and Rachel

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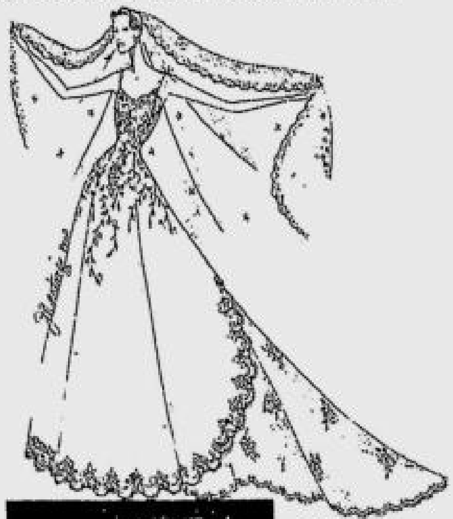
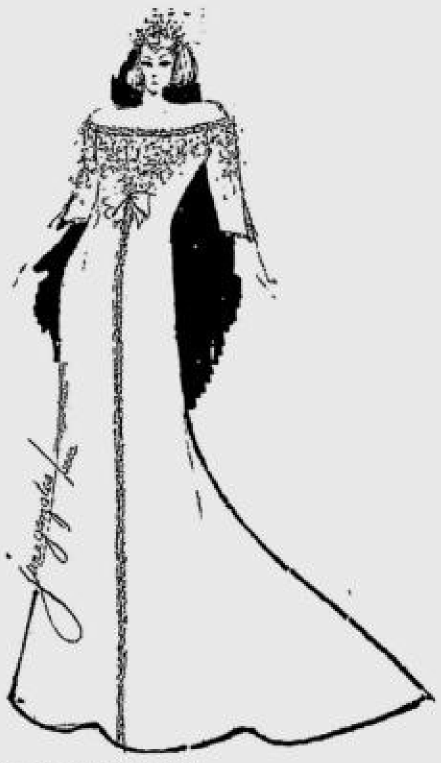


GALURA-EUGENIO

Glenn Ford Galura, son of Engineer **Mario** and **Teresita Galura**, will wed **Angelina "Gie" Eugenio**, daughter of **Nazario** and **Consuelo Eugenio**, today at the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life in Pasay City. The bride will don a Galatea creation by designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** in ecru satin and silk organza. The scoop-necked gown with an apron skirt is appliqued with embroidered lace with touches of sugar beads, gold pearls and translucent pailettes. Reception will be held at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

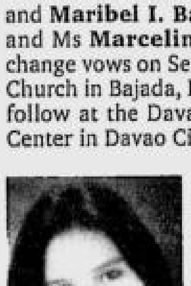


TAMAYO-HIZON

Gene Leander T. Tamayo, son of lawyer **Generoso** and **Josefina Tamayo**, will marry **Cecilia C. Hizon**, daughter of **Severino** and **Diana Hizon**, on Sept. 7 at the Parish of the Holy Sacrifice in UP Diliman, QC. Reception will follow at the Sulo Hotel. The bride and her entourage will wear gowns designed by **June Gonzales**.

ROBLES-BANDONG

Marine Engineer **Gabriel S. Robles Jr.**, son of Mr. and Ms **Gabriel S. Robles Sr.**, and **Maribel I. Bandong**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Marcelino I. Bandong**, will exchange vows on Sept. 18 at the Redemptorist Church in Bajada, Davao City. Reception will follow at the Davao Convention and Trade Center in Davao City.



VELASCO DEBUT

Michelle R. Velasco, daughter of Engineer **Saturnino Velasco** and **Criselda Ranjo**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 12 at the Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel, Ilocos Norte. Michelle is a sophomore college student taking up BS management at the Divine Word College in Laoag.

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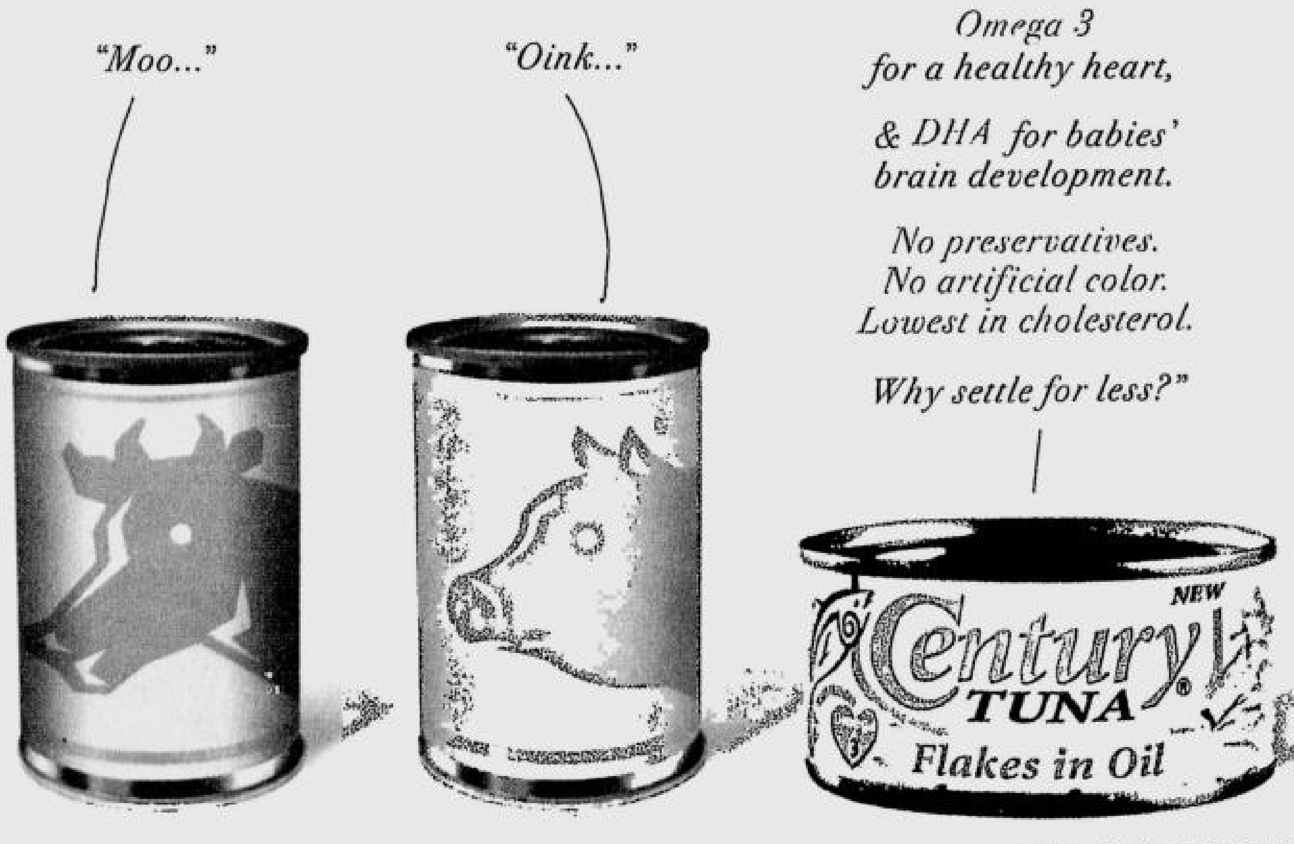

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Amenities include choice of menu, elegant gazebo with complete decorations, wedding cake, decorated cake table, torch parade, house wine for ceremonial toast, decorated wedding cage with doves, guest book with souvenir pen, red carpet for bride and groom, special flower centerpieces for the buffet table, guest chairs with seat covers and ribbons, and elegant skirting for the presidential and buffet tables.

For an additional P10,000, couples can also hold a garden wedding at Patio Victoria. The fee includes an altar for the priest or pastor, kneeler for the couple, two candleholders, unity candle holders, flower arrangement and chairs with seat covers.

Owned and managed by Cristina Gonzales-Romualdez, Patio Victoria offers a delightful mixture of Spanish, Filipino and Continental cuisine and an impeccable service usually found at five-star hotels.

According to Gonzales-Romualdez, Patio Victoria's landscaped garden can accommodate up to 1,000 guests while the Sofia Banquet Hall, with a more intimate setting, can seat up to 150 guests.

"We wanted something to complement the quaint charm of Intramuros," says Gonzales-Romualdez. "Patio Victoria is a place where couples can get an atmosphere that's very different from a hotel ballroom or an elegant restaurant. Weddings here are more intimate and personal."

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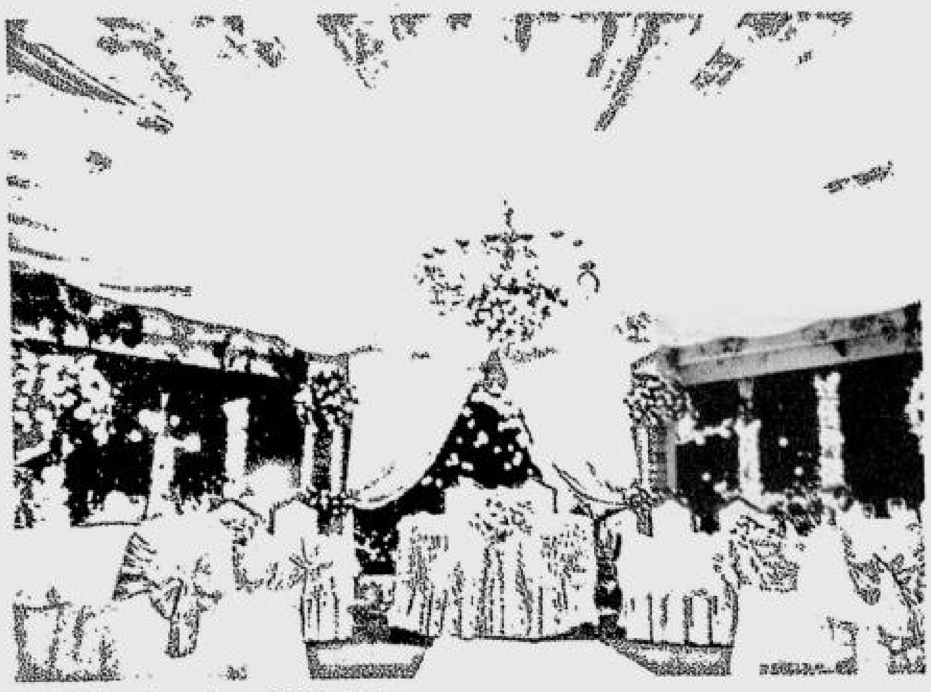
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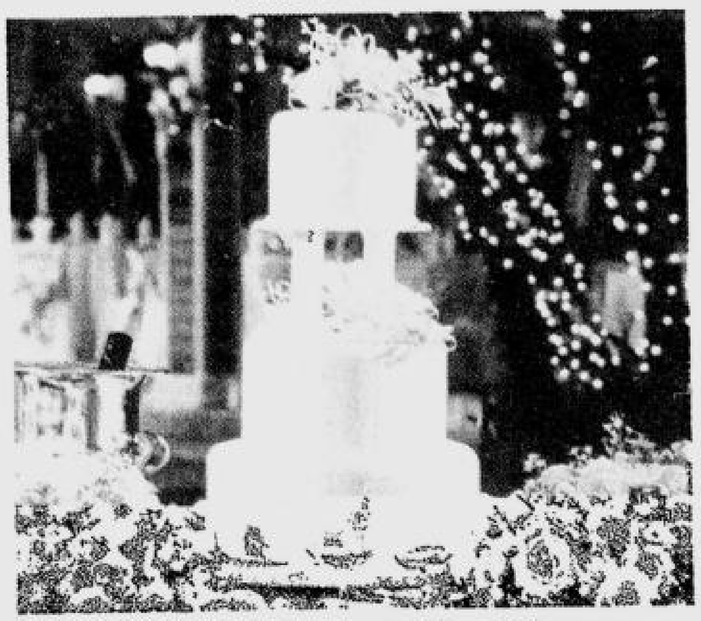
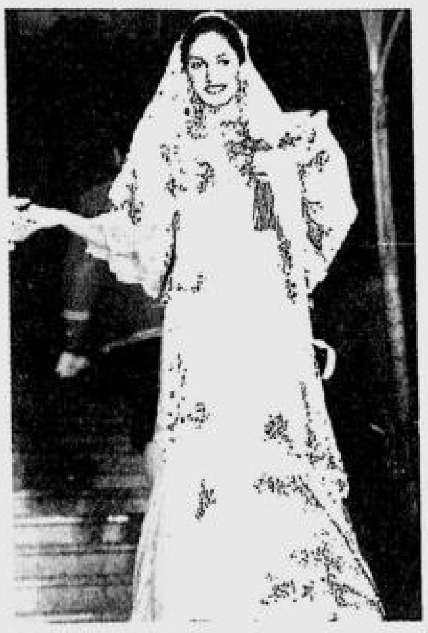

WEDDING cake amid special flower centerpieces

21 designers present traditional to avant-garde bridal gowns

A HIGHLIGHT of New World Renaissance Hotel's bridal fair, "A Renaissance Wedding," was a fashion show held at its grand and elegant lobby featuring traditional to avant-garde bridal creations. The event showcased 21 designers: Ben Farrales, Noli Hans, Renée Salud, Randy Ortiz, Jojie Lloren, Gerry Katigbak, Eddie Baddeo, New Yorker, Edgar San Diego, Edgar Allan, Joel Bautista, Judith Pajaro, Michelle Lim, Joanne Duque, Oliver, Edwin Uy, Edward Teng, Suzie Bonaobra, Mariane Lazaro, John Espeleta and Katrina Goulbourn.

"A Renaissance Wedding" was the second bridal fair of the New World Renaissance Hotel.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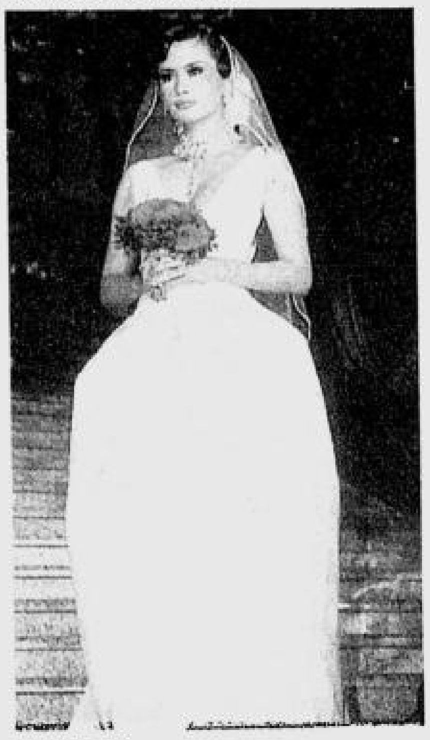
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Magazine features Sen. Loren Legarda and other portraits of glamour

PHILIPPINE Tatler continues to sizzle with pictorials and articles unlike any other.

Following the success of its July issue featuring Imee Marcos, the magazine presents another top-notch legislator, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste. Read about her views on critical issues of the day, and see what makes her "A Unifying Force" in Philippine politics. Shot on location in scenic Batangas, the pictorial is based on her legendary exploits as an expert negotiator, whether she's dealing with armed rebels or with different political factions.

For the fashion-conscious, the August issue of Philippine Tatler brings a number of reasons to rejoice. Aside from regular features on beauty and fashion, a special article, "Portraits of Glamour," presents a lingering look at style icons of the past, the present and the future. What exactly defines glamour? And who have inherited the torch from the elegant ladies of the past?

Then reminisce about the glory days of the nation's capital in "Manila in the 1920s." It's a nostalgic gaze at a decade of prosperity that put Manila on the tourist map.

Aside from these articles, there's the usual mix of the best parties, pretty faces, trendy restaurants, fast cars, beautiful homes and so much more.

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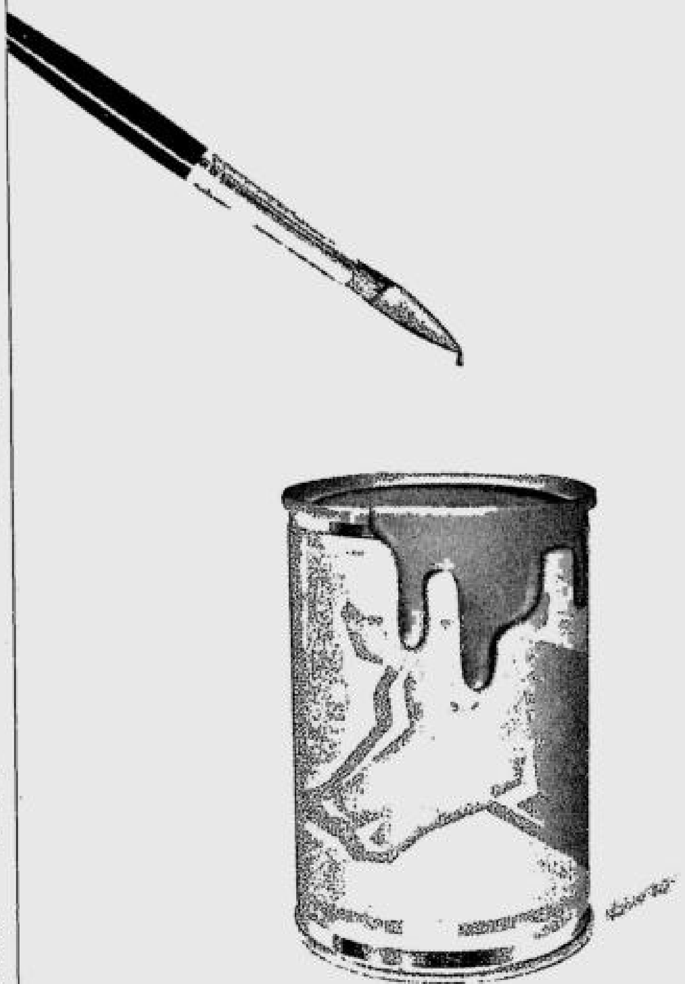

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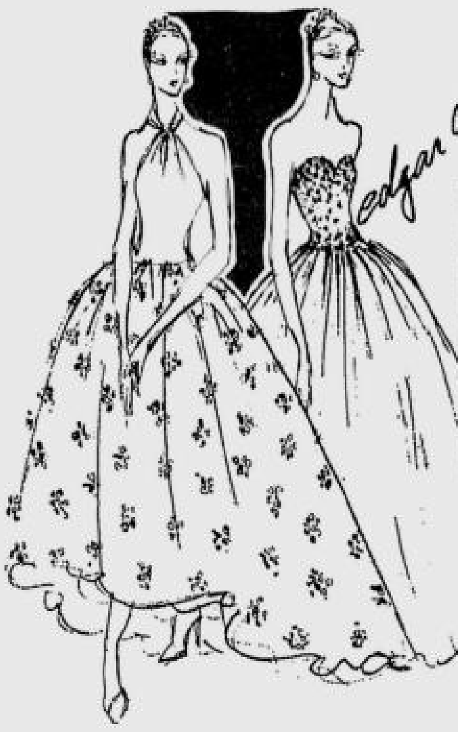


BIANA DEBUT

Isis Dionne G. Biana, the only daughter of **James Biana** and **Oyet de Guzman**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 25 at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Hotel in Manila. She is presently a sophomore at the Ateneo de Naga University, taking up bachelor of science in management. Isis will wear three gowns created by **Edgar Allan** adorned with Swarovski crystals and glass beads. The debut is being coordinated by **Celia Cunanan** of The Social Connection.

CHAN-MEREGILLANO

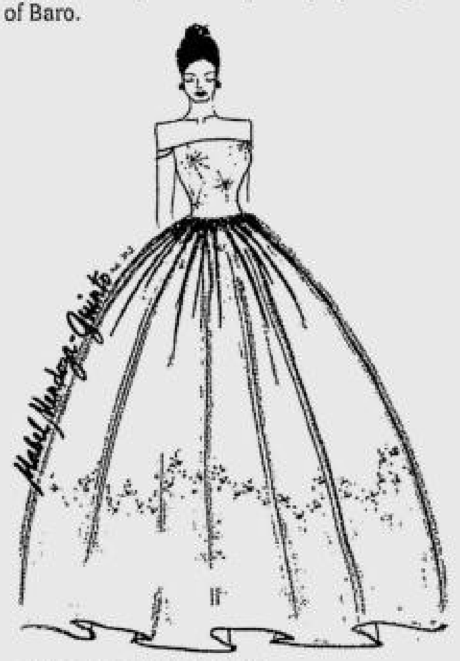
Policarpio S. Chan, son of **Consuelo S. vda de Chan**, exchanged vows with **Pamela I. Meregillano**, daughter of **Francisco Meregillano** and **Florencia Dizon**, on March 10 at the Christ The King Parish, Greenmeadows, QC. Reception followed at the parish reception hall. Both bride and groom work with Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co.

APOSTOL-ESTRELLA

Francis Martin Apostol, son of **Orville** and **Alicia Apostol,** exchanged vows with **Naphtali Joy Estrella**, daughter of **Emelita Estrella**, on April 18 at St. Mary's Church in Buhangin, Davao City. Dinner reception followed at the Orange Groove Hotel. The flower arrangements of pink roses were done by **Edith Lagbao**.

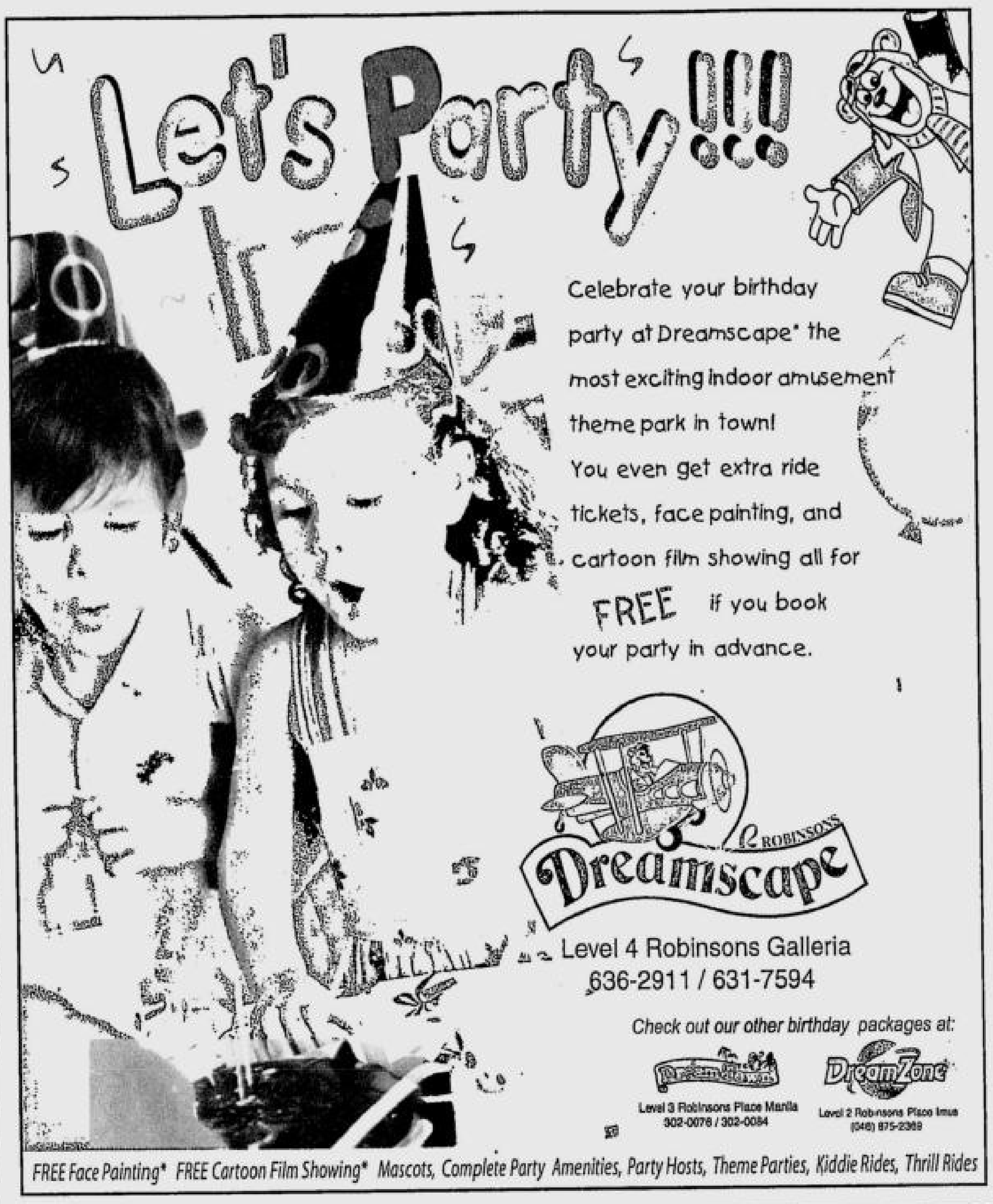
LU DEBUT

Roselle Liaa D. Lu, youngest daughter of **Roseller** and and **Linda Dimalanta-Lu**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 7 at the Davao Convention Grand Ballroom, Davao City. She will wear a strapless gown of iridescent and metallic orange, hand-painted and adorned with glass beads. The debutante's gown, as well as the gowns of the 18 ladies of the cotillion de honor, were designed by **Lyn Reyes** of Baro.



SARMIENTO DEBUT

Leona Carmen R. Sarmiento, daughter of **Dr. Louis** and **Dr. Remy Sarmiento,** will mark her 18th birthday on Sept. 14 at the Quezon Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La. Leona will wear a pale olive-green strapless bouffant gown in Thai silk and organdy, accented with airbrushed misted yellow on the lower part and highlighted with Austrian cut glass beads and Swarovski crystals. Her gown was designed by **Mabel Mendoza-Guinto**.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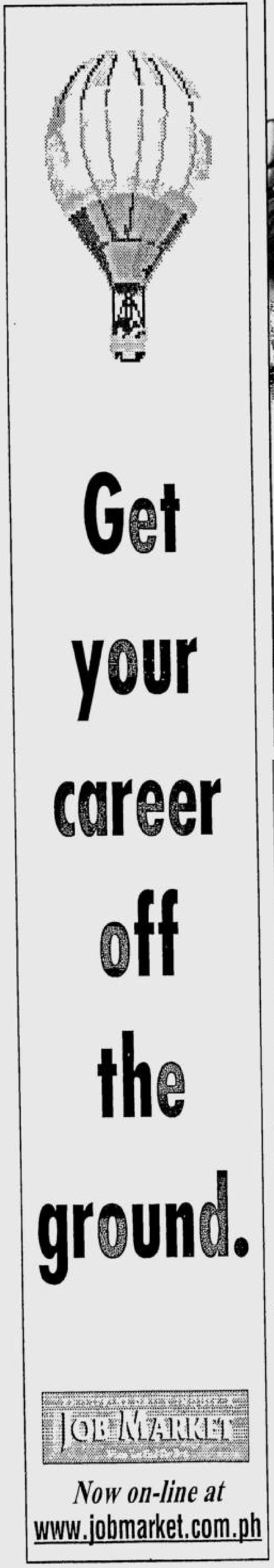
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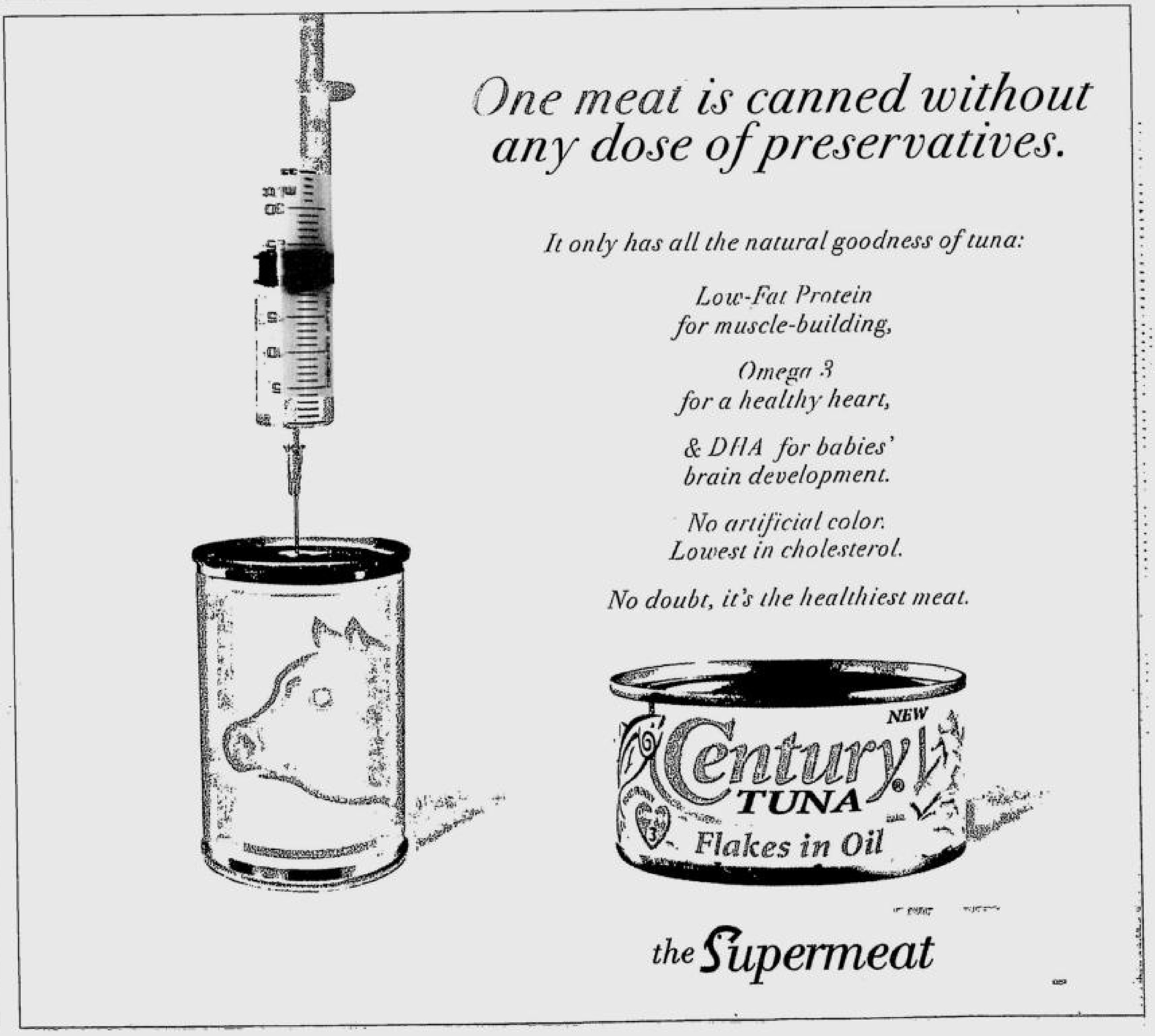
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- At least 5 years progressive experience in a management position in fund-raising, resource mobilization and/or marketing, or communications in a non-profit organization
- Fund-raising experience is a must
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- At least 5 years experience in management of social development programs and projects, preferably with experience in urban development and planning as well as in staff supervision
- Good program planning, policy formulation, communication, negotiation and PR skills

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To provide secretarial and administrative support to the Managing Director

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- 3-5 years experience in exercising executive office support functions, preferably in a non-profit organization
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- Bachelor's Degree in Humanities, Developmental Studies, Communication Arts or related fields; between the ages of 28-32
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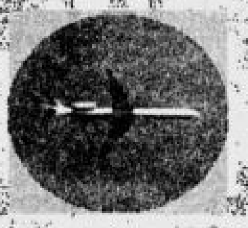

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P.O. Box 7285, DAPO
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c/o The Philippine Daily Inquirer
Box No. 200
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Mandaluyong City

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WANTED IMMEDIATELY

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We are looking for LAWYERS with positive mental attitude, at least two (2) years in practice, who wants a well-rounded legal practice and expertise in law positioning strategy.

We are likewise in search of PARALEGALS who have a solid background in legal research and writing and who are willing to develop a craft in the legal setting.

Interested parties may call MS. JOSIE ROSARIO at Tel Nos. 7246629 / 7219283 or send cover letter and resumé at Fax No. 7217102 or email at vchan@lawpositioningstrategy.com and vchan@compass.com.ph

You may visit our website at: www.lawpositioningtrategy.com to view the firm's profile.

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With more than 40 call centers worldwide, Sykes is a global leader in providing customer and technical support services for many of the world's best known companies. From our Manila Call center, Sykes currently supports almost 20 clients in 8 languages, handling the transactions throughout Asia, Europe and the USA.

Our recent expansion includes the provision of Technical Support services for **Macromedia**, one of the world's largest independent software companies, and the company behind many market leading products in the field of web, graphics and multimedia design. Due to this, we are in immediate need of highly qualified Technical Support Engineers for the various products of Macromedia. Successful applicants will provide quality technical support via phone and e-mail to North American customers.

Technical Support Engineer for Macromedia UltraDev/ Dreamweaver MX

- University degree in Computer Science or any related field/discipline
- Knowledge and high degree of proficiency in HTML, CSS, Javascript and Web Technologies
- Proven skills in any one (1) of the following server-side technologies: ASP, JSP, ColdFusion, ASP.NET and PHP
- Proficiency in any one (1) of the following RDBMS': MS Access, MS SQL, Oracle, Infomix and MySQL
- Excellent technical knowledge in any two (2) of the following OS: Win95/98/2K/Me, Win NT/XP
- Fluent in written and spoken English with proficiency in technical writing
- Related work experience in a customer service industry, an advantage
- Willingness to work on night shifts is essential

Technical Support Engineer for Macromedia ColdFusion

- University degree in Computer Science or any related field/discipline
- Minimum of one (1) year hands-on experience with ColdFusion
- Proficient in web design technology, web application server technology and web server configuration
- Proficiency in Java, Javascript, Linux, Win95/98/2K/NT
- Excellent technical knowledge in TCP/IP permissions
- Proficiency in working with RDMS'
- Fluent in written and spoken English with proficiency in technical writing
- Related work experience in a customer service industry, an advantage
- Willingness to work on night shifts is essential

Korean Technical Support Engineer

- University degree in Computer Science or any related field/discipline
- Fluent in written and spoken Korean with conversational English skills
- Related work experience in a customer service industry, an advantage
- General knowledge in Web Technology is essential

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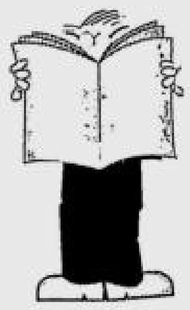

JOB MARKET

Read it every Sunday with the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

THE HOUSE PRINTERS CORP.

is looking for a

QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR

for immediate employment

- Male/Female, 25-35 years old.
- Graduate of Industrial or Chemical Engineering, Industrial Management or B.S. Chemistry.
- Must have work experience as Quality Assurance Supervisor preferably in a printing company or any related business.
- Knowledgeable on Statistical Process Control and Quality Management Systems
- Computer literate, hardworking, excellent in communication, leadership and presentation skills.

Interested applicants must send their resumé and transcript of records to

The Managing Director
The House Printers Corporation
#1 Hunters Avenue, Cainta, Rizal
FAX#: 655-01-07

SM

is currently in search of aggressive and technically driven professionals to work as

SYSTEMS ANALYST / PROGRAMMER

Successful candidates will be tasked to perform systems analysis and design work for the development and maintenance of various software applications; responsible for meeting software development and implementation schedules and quality standards; interface with system users and consultants to specify requirements for systems development; document/update policies and procedures pertinent to the software applications.

Qualifications

- College graduate; preferably Computer Science, Engineering, or other business-related course
- With at least two years experience in applications development and implementation support
- Expertise in AS/400, RPG/400
- Preferably with exposure to standard software development and project management methodologies
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

Interested parties may apply personally from Mon. to Fri., 9am-5pm or send their comprehensive resume with recent photo to:

The Recruitment Division Manager
Building D; Bay Boulevard
SM Central Business Park
Bay City, Pasay City

Please bring 3 pcs. 2 x 2 colored picture with white background and photo copy of your Transcript of Records and College Diploma together with the original copy.

E-mail: Recruit.SM.HO@sm-shoemart.com

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ALASKA MILK CORPORATION

is in urgent need of

MAINTENANCE MANAGER
(CODE: MM)

- Male, 35 - 45 years old
- Must be a Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
- With at least 5 years hands-on experience in planning and execution of repair & maintenance activities preferably gained from a Manufacturing/Milk Processing Plant, including yard & buildings of the Plant premises
- Proficient in both oral and written communications particularly in the preparation of Engineering Reports
- Computer literate

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER
(CODE: QM)

- Male/Female
- With a Bachelor's degree in Food Technology, Biotechnology or Chemistry
- Minimum of 10 years experience in Quality Control, or analytical fields involving a food or beverage industry
- Must have a sound knowledge of HACCP, Quality Systems and statistical process control
- Proficient in both oral and written communications
- Computer literate

LOGISTICS MANAGER
(CODE: LM)

- Male/Female, between 30 - 40 years old
- Must be an Engineering or Business course graduate
- Minimum of 5 years related work experience in the field of Distribution and Logistics (at least 2 years gained in a managerial capacity)
- Computer literate

ORACLE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR
(CODE: DBA)

- Male/Female, at least 25 years old
- BS Graduate of an IT-related course (Computer Science or Engineering) with good scholastic record
- Minimum of 3 years solid experience in Oracle Database 8 Administration and 2 years in Oracle Programming (Developer Forms, Reports, PL/SQL)
- Experienced in IBM AIX/HP Unix / Sun Solaris
- Knowledgeable in Oracle Database performance tuning
- Familiarity with systems administration on the following is an advantage: Oracle Financials Rel 11 / Oracle Process Manufacturing Rel 11 / Oracle Sales Analyzer / Oracle Financial Analyzer
- Proficient in both oral and written communications
- Matured, organized, systematic and willing to work during off hours when needed

Qualified applicants may send application letters with detailed resume, transcript of records and latest 2x2 photo to:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Alaska Milk Corporation
6/F Corinthian Plaza, 121 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226
or email to pearl_miranda@alaskamilk.com.ph

Pls. indicate the code on the upper right hand corner of the envelope.

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MALAYAN INSURANCE

MALAYAN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
A YGC Company

The No. 1 Non-Life Insurance Company in the Philippines is in need of:

CLAIMS MANAGER

- With at least five (5) years experience in Claims particularly on Fire, PA/Misc. Casualty and Engineering Insurance lines
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Customer Service Oriented

RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- Graduate of any Business or Engineering course
- With at least one (1) year exposure in Risk Management operations in a financial services setting
- With good interpersonal skills
- With excellent communication skills

LAWYER

- Member of good standing of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines
- Graduate from a reputable Law School
- Willing to start a career in litigation

UNDERWRITING MANAGER

- Registered non-life company underwriter for all lines
- With at least five (5) years underwriting experience in the non-life insurance industry
- With at least two (2) years supervisory experience
- Can prepare Technical Reports
- Can device/create a system to ensure proper implementation of guidelines
- Customer Service Oriented

AUDIT SUPERVISOR

- Graduate of BSC - Accountancy, must be a CPA
- With at least two (2) years supervisory experience in audit
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Customer Service Oriented

BRANCH MANAGER

- With sales experience preferably in the non-life insurance industry
- With at least two (2) years supervisory experience
- Has proven track record in sales and marketing
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
- Customer Service Oriented

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

- Graduate of any four (4) years business related course
- With at least one (1) year experience in non-life insurance as an Account Executive
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Computer literate
- Customer Service Oriented

INVESTMENT ANALYST/TRADER

- Graduate of a finance related course
- With at least two (2) years work experience in a bank, investment firm or brokerage house as an investment analyst
- Must have skills in investment analysis and valuation
- Must have a firm grasp of macroeconomics
- Exposed to both equities and fixed income securities
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Customer Service Oriented

RISK ENGINEER

- Graduate of any Engineering course—preferably Licensed Engineer
- With at least two (2) years work experience in non-life insurance as Risk Engineer
- Must have excellent communication skills
- Computer literate
- Customer Service Oriented

RI ACCOUNTING CLERK

- Graduate of BS Accountancy
- With at least one (1) year experience in non-life insurance as a reinsurance accounting clerk
- Computer literate
- Customer Service Oriented

You may send your application letter, comprehensive resumé with recent 2" x 2" picture and transcript of records to:

THE PERSONNEL MANAGER
Human Resources Services Department
Malayan Insurance Company, Inc.
5th Floor, Yuchengco Building
484 Quintin Paredes Street, Binondo, Manila
E-mail address: jobs@MICOmalayan.com

National Economic and Development Authority

Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Philippine Agenda 21 into National, Regional and Local Governance (MSD PA 21 Project)

URGENT RECRUITMENT

The Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Philippine Agenda 21 into National, Regional and Local Governance (MSD PA 21), a project supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is in need of the following personnel to fill-up available contractual positions in the Project Management Office (PMO):

Technical Assistants (2)

The Technical Assistant shall provide technical support in planning, implementation and monitoring of various project activities. He/she shall be based at the NEDA Central Office but shall be assigned to travel in project pilot sites in Luzon.

Minimum Qualifications:
Academics:

- Bachelor degree in Social Sciences, Agriculture, Human Ecology, Environment and Development Planning
- At least 16 hours of relevant training

Skills/experience required:

- 2 years relevant experience
- With experience working with LGUs and Civil Society
- Familiarity with Sustainable Development and Local Governance Concepts and Issues
- With experience in project development, implementation and management
- Excellent coordination and communication skills

Monthly salary: Php 18,000.00

Send your Application with Resumé and Transcript of Records to:

The Project Manager, MSD Project
3/F Agriculture Staff, NEDA Building,
12 Blessed J.Escriva Drive,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1605

Deadline of Submission: August 19, 2002

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

A Telecommunications Systems Integrator is in need of a high caliber and experienced:

(1) SALES MANAGER

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Male or Female
2. ECE graduate, with a minimum of 5 years experience in selling Telecom Equipment
3. With technical background/experience in microwave radios, cellular equipment, and telecom hardware/software systems
4. Must have experience in dealing with key people in the telecom industry
5. Must possess track record in selling

(3) SALES ENGINEERS

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Male or Female
2. ECE graduate, with 2 years experience in selling Telecom Equipment
3. With excellent communication skills
4. With knowledge in microwave radios, cellular equipment, and telecom hardware and software systems
5. Must have experience in dealing with key people in the telecom industry

Due to the urgency of our requirements, interested applicants are requested to apply in person or send through fax their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 ID pictures to:

ASIAN HIGH TECHNOLOGY CORP.
Guevent Building, #49 Libertad Street
Mandaluyong City
Fax No. 531-0422
E-mail: ahtc@globenet.com.ph

The WOMEN'S HEALTH & SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROJECT-PARTNERSHIPS COMPONENT
a project of the Government of the Philippines, executed by the Department of Health
with funding support from the European Union (EU)

The Project works with its Partners the DOH Centers for Health Development, LGUs and NGOs, using community health development strategies and techniques to enable women at the barangay level to identify their health needs and be involved in developing and implementing plans to achieve positive changes for health.

The Project has been granted a 15 month Extension, which will begin on 17 September 2002, and is now seeking highly qualified and experienced

DESKTOP PUBLISHING AND GRAPHICS DESIGN SPECIALIST

Who will assist the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Officer in conceptualizing and producing printed materials and IEC collaterals for the promotion of women's health and empowerment. Specifically she/he will:

- Design packages and covers/layout pages of manuals, modules, reports, etc.
- Prepare presentation materials such as transparencies, slide shows, exhibit panels
- Design and maintain the project website
- Provide technical assistance to regional project offices
- Assist the IEC officer as required

Qualifications:

- Extensive experience in DTP and graphics design
- Knowledgeable in web design and development, HTML
- Highly proficient in Pagemaker, Photoshop, CorelDraw, MS Office, Dreamweaver
- Can do basic freehand drawing and illustration
- Excellent writing and editing skills
- Preferably gender-sensitive and aware of community health/development issues
- Graduate of a four-year course in Communications, Fine Arts or Social Sciences

We are offering a basic salary equivalent to SG-22, 13th month pay, philhealth, annual leaves, plus other benefits.

ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD APPLY. THOSE CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW SHOULD PRESENT A PORTFOLIO OF SAMPLE WORKS.

Interested applicants should submit their letter of response and a comprehensive resume by email or fax on or before **23 August 2002** to:

WHSMP-PC

THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER
Women's Health Project—Partnerships Component
5B Osmena Bldg., 1991 Mabini St.
Malate, Manila
Fax: (632) 536-6406 E-mail: whsm-pc@pacific.net.ph

DIRECTOR FOR MANUFACTURING

A longstanding and stable company involved in ***Food and Chemical Manufacturing*** is in search of a professional manager who possesses a ***Degree in Mechanical or Industrial Engineering*** and is ***Focused, Ambitious, and Detail Oriented***. The ideal candidate must be at least ***45 years*** of age, ***Male*** and have ***at least five (5) years experience*** in the management of a large manufacturing plant.

We offer an exciting compensation package consisting of ***-P-100,000.00 per month*** plus ***Productivity Incentive Bonuses*** and other ***Attractive Benefits***.

All Resumés with most recent passport photo for qualified applicants must be forwarded to:

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION
c/o BOX NO. KA-026-02DM
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Classified Ads Division
G/F Trinity Building, 636 T.M. Kalaw Street
Ermita, Manila

A leading universal bank is in immediate need of a:

Bank Security Officer

- ☐ Who will supervise the overall security program/services of the Bank and its subsidiaries
- ☐ A graduate of a military or police academy, or a holder of BS in Criminology
- ☐ Preferably with previous experience as a Bank Security Officer
- ☐ Has effective liaison with appropriate public and private agencies involved in security, law enforcement, and safety
- ☐ With unquestionable integrity and of good moral character

Interested applicants may send their application letter and comprehensive resume to

Box MN2037
c/o Classified Ads
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Pasong Tamo corner Yague and Mascardo Streets
Makati City

GARMENTS EXPORTER

is in need of the following:

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER

- Female, not more than 35 years old, IE graduate
- Know how to conduct time motion study
- Know operation breakdown
- Computer literate, 2 years experience in garments
- Flexible, can work with minimal supervision

MIS TECHNICIAN

- 2 years experience as field or in-house technician in a computer or IT Co. & Web Development
- Knowledge in PC troubleshooting, programming and network cabling

SEWING MECHANIC

- Male, 3 years experience above, can repair and handle all industrial machines

SKILLED SEWER

- Experienced in infants wear

Please come personally and bring pertinent documents at 81-B Nicanor Roxas Street, Banawe, Quezon City (near Orthopedic Hospital). Tel. Nos. 741-5568

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MEDICard

One of the country's leading HMO is looking for assertive, dynamic and energetic individuals to fill up the following vacancies:

• CUSTOMER RELATIONS ASSISTANTS

- Male, not more than 26 years of age. At least 5'6" in height;
- Graduate of any Medical Course;
- Must be computer literate;
- With excellent written and oral communication skills.

• HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

- Female, not more than 25 years of age;
- Graduate of BS Psychology, Behavioral Science,or any related course;
- Knowledgeable in all facets of Human Resources;
- With at least 6 months to 1 year experience;
- With excellent oral and written communication skills.

• GENERAL CLERKS

- Male/Female, not more than 25 years of age;
- Graduate of BS Accountancy or any related business course;
- Proficient in the use of MS Word and MS Excel.

We are also in need of Registered Nurses and Medical Technologist.

Qualified and interested applicants are requested to apply personally. Bring resumé, transcript of records and 2x2 photo at: Medicard Phils., Inc.: Human Resources Department - 5/F Sagittarius Bldg., H.V. Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Email us at amamatra@medicardphils.com

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HUMANA

A newly opened world-class clinic is looking for assertive, dynamic and energetic individuals to fill up the following vacancies:

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (1)

- ➢ Graduate of Medicine (specialization Family Medicine);
- ➢ Female, between 25-35 years of age;
- ➢ At least 1 year work experience in the same capacity;
- ➢ With excellent communication skills;
- ➢ Must be organized and systematic.

NURSES (8)

- ➢ Must be a registered nurse;
- ➢ Male/Female, between 22-28 years old;
- ➢ Must be customer oriented and able to deal with different types of people;
- ➢ With at least 2 years work experience in the same capacity;
- ➢ With excellent communication skills;
- ➢ Computer literate.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS (3)

- ➢ Male/Female, at least 2 years work experience gained in a clinical setting;
- ➢ Between 22-30 years old;
- ➢ Must be organized, systematic and computer literate.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNICIANS (3)

- ➢ Male/Female, between 22-30 years old;
- ➢ With at least 2 years work experience in the same capacity;
- ➢ Can operate ultra sound machine;
- ➢ Computer literate.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (2)

- ➢ Male/Female, 22-30 years old;
- ➢ Must be a registered physical therapist;
- ➢ Computer literate.

MARKETING ASSISTANT

- ➢ Male/Female, 23-29 years old;
- ➢ Preferably graduate of medical course;
- ➢ With above average communication skills;
- ➢ Computer literate.

Interested applicants are requested to mail their comprehensive resumé, 2x2 picture and transcript of records to:

Humana Medical
G/F King's Court II Building,
Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City

The City Government of Pasig

Is in need of qualified personnel for the following positions:

* City Government Department Head II

Chief of Hospital II SG - 26

Must have:

Education: Holder of Masters Degree in Hospital Administration
Experience: At least 5 years experience in supervisory or top management position in a government hospital
Training: Minimum 32 hours formal training in management and supervision
Eligibility: Career Service Professional
Skills
- Must possess good interpersonal skills
- Must be good in both oral and written communications
- Computer Literacy an advantage

* City Government Department Head II

Personnel Officer SG - 26

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management, Legal Management, Behavioral Science or any related course
Experience: 5 years in position involving personnel management and supervision in a government office or corporation
Training: 32 hours minimum training in management and supervision
Eligibility: Career Service Professional
Skills
- Must be well versed in Civil Service Rules and Laws
- Must possess good interpersonal skills
- Must be good in both oral and written communications
- Computer Literacy an advantage

* Supervising Manpower Development Officer

SG - 22

Education: Graduate of Management or any related course
Masters Degree preferred but not required
Experience: 3 years relevant experience in a Manpower Development Center or Training School in a supervisory or managerial capacity
Training: Minimum 16 hours relevant training in Manpower Development
Eligibility: Career Service Professional
Skills
- Must be good in planning and development of training programs
- Must be good in both oral and written communication
- Must possess good interpersonal skills
- Computer literacy is an advantage but not required

***Applicants for all positions must be residents of Pasig City or nearby towns and cities**
Interested applicants may submit their application and resumé to:

The Office of the Mayor
2nd floor Pasig City Hall
Caruncho Avenue, Pasig City

We are a global engineering consultancy firm in search of an

ENGINEERING DESIGN MANAGER

to join our organization.

The Job

The Engineering Design Manager will be responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing structural and civil design standards to ensure the provision of quality design output within prescribed policies, to its wide variety of clientele.

Basic qualifications include

- ✓ Licensed Civil Engineer
- ✓ With Masteral Degree in Civil Engineering preferred
- ✓ At least 15 years extensive technical experience in civil and structural design, and Project Management in a global engineering consultancy firm
- ✓ Proven track record of at least 7 years in the management of a design team
- ✓ Well versed with both local and international codes
- ✓ Articulate, can express ideas excellently both verbally and in writing
- ✓ Flexible, able to lead and motivate teams, work effectively with all levels in the organization, sustain stress and time pressure, can work in an above average capacity
- ✓ Ability to be a self-starter and work with a minimum of direction
- ✓ Excellent management and leadership capabilities

A competitive remuneration package awaits the successful candidate. Please send your comprehensive resumé and 2x2 picture at:

MK-95
THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F, Atrium Building
Makati Avenue, Makati City

An established food manufacturing company is urgently in need of the following:

MARKETING MANAGER

- ➢ Male or female
- ➢ With at least 3 years of experience in planning and implementing marketing strategies related to food or beverage

BRAND MANAGER

- ➢ Male or female
- ➢ With at least 3 years of experience in brand management for food manufacturing establishment

OTHER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SALES AGENTS

- ➢ Institutional/Booking/Ex-truck (Metro Manila/Provincial)

ACCOUNTING CLERK
COMPUTER GRAPHIC ARTIST
COMPUTER PROGRAMMER
ENCODER/COMPUTER STAFF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
FOOD TECHNOLOGIST
TRUCK MECHANIC
BEVERAGE DISPENSER TECHNICIAN
PROMO GIRLS

- ➢ Applicants for the above positions must have experience preferably in food manufacturing companies.

PLEASE APPLY PERSONALLY AT:

FOODWORLD MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
292 8th Avenue (East) corner 10th Street, Grace Park, Caloocan City
(Between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon only)

G.K. CORPORATE FASHION (HK) LIMITED

GK

Is looking for talented, aggressive and dynamic persons to fill-in the following positions for our Xiamen, China office.

One (1) Accountant

Female, preferably single, minimum 5 years work experience, will also be tasked to handle administrative functions

Four (4) Sales/Marketing Staff

Female, not more than 26 years old, single, has good command of written and spoken English, excellent correspondence skills

One (1) Sales/Marketing Staff for Hotel Amenities

Female, single, 4 or 5-star Hotel work experience, must have worked in Purchasing Department

One (1) Network Administrator

Male, preferably single, must be highly knowledgeable in network maintenance and troubleshooting

One (1) IT Hardware Specialist

Male, preferably single, extensive experience in this field is a must

Fashion/Graphic Designer

Preferably single, not more than 30 years old, knowledgeable in garment making, high creativity and conceptualization skills, proficient with Photoshop and other Design software, familiar with corporate identity standards, minimum 3 years experience in the said field.

Applicants must be University graduates with above-average standing, hardworking, and independent, responsible and can work with minimum supervision in a multi-cultural setting.

We offer above industry compensation, opportunity to travel, plus other benefits. Applicants must be able to secure their own passports and other travel documents.

Applications will be accepted on August 19 and 20, 2002 ONLY, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **G/F MFT International, First Midland Office Condominium, 109 Gamboa Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (Behind AIM, near Greenbelt)** Submit your 2x2 photo, application letter and resumé in a long brown envelope. INDICATE NAME AND POSITION APPLIED FOR, ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

Applications after August 20, will only be accepted by e-mail. Send to hr@gkfashion.com.ph. Indicate the position applied for in the subject field.

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Managing Editors (2)

The jobholder will assist in managing the editorial operation and develop quality content for online verticals, CD-ROMs and print magazines. The main responsibilities of this position are to provide relevant and timely market information to support the sourcing activities of volume buyers and suppliers, and to perform top-line editing, conduct key interviews and write original feature articles. Duties will include: overseeing a pool of freelance writers, meeting editorial deadlines, preparing and implementing editorial schedules and building close working relationships with our overseas-based buyers and suppliers.

We require a seasoned professional with a degree in Journalism or related field, excellent English skills and investigative reporting experience gained in a senior editing position, and the ability to work with people of varied nationalities in a dynamic and fast-paced environment. Those with good Mandarin skills and experience working abroad will have a definite advantage.

A competitive remuneration package and a truly challenging, international and dynamic work environment await the right candidates. Interested parties should send their resume and contact details to any of the following:

Corporate Human Resources
online: career.globalsources.com
e-mail: gshr@globalsources.com
fax: (632) 892-4087
post: P.O. Box 4597, MCPO, Makati City

global sources
www.globalsources.com

A leading IATA Travel Agency is searching for qualified candidates for the position of

TRAVEL MANAGER-CORPORATE

Responsibility:

This Senior-level position will be tasked to aggressively expand present client base and to establish effective customer retention programs. He shall spearhead efficient and professional approach to development of new accounts and customer service to ensure that individual targets are met.

Qualifications:

- ☑ With minimum of 3 years experience in a travel agency environment as Senior Manager or 5 years as Supervisor
- ☑ Must possess excellent general management skills, a self-starter, results-driven, and can manage changes well
- ☑ Must be a team-player, can work effectively cross-functionally, and has the ability to work well under pressure
- ☑ Has commitment to excellent customer service and the company's code of ethics
- ☑ Mandarin speaking is preferred

Compensation:

Commensurate to experience.

Applicants who are interested in above post and possess the given qualifications are requested to e-mail applications not later than **August 31, 2002** to:

mcgomez@magsaysay.com.ph

LOOKING FOR CAREER GROWTH? PERSONAL SATISFACTION? AND HIGHER INCOME?

A multinational manufacturing & marketing company seeks ambitious and determined individuals for it's local Philippine distributor.

3 SALES EXECUTIVES

- Young Female or Male, age 21-32, with pleasing personality
- Aggressive, Ambitious, and Hardworking
- Excellent in Oral communication skills
- At least 1 year experience in selling industrial, machineries or chemical products; field sales preferred
- Possesses own transport
- Fast learner and willing to be trained
  (FULL EXTENSIVE TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED)
- Seeking a career in **SALES, SALES TRAINING** and/or **SALES MANAGEMENT.**

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Look for Kathy or Joan

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Eastern Shipping Lines Building,
Anda Circle, Port Area, Manila
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Service orientation and customer delight in the workplace

By Ernesto G. Espinosa

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OVER the last few months, I developed a feeling of exasperation due mainly to the experiences I had with some establishments, attendants, and those tasked to provide service to customers. Such experiences prompted me to write this article.

Experience No. 1

I went to a drug store. I stood in front of the counter for a good 10 minutes and finally, I was attended to by the drug store staff who was just in front of me all along.

This scenario is commonplace here. In this drug store, a customer has to be quick in determining which part of the counter he will go to in order to obtain immediate service. If a service staff who is just in front of you happens to be servicing another customer, you will have to wait for your turn. That is OK. But what happens if the other customer being attended to, similar to what happened to me, is a senior citizen, buys several medicines, presents his senior citizen card and on top of this, uses his credit card to pay? In the meantime, the other customers who arrive late are serviced ahead because they are on the other side of the counter where other customers are buying fewer medicines and are paying in cash. I have never encountered any single branch of this drug store that attempted to address this concern. Why not give a numbered card to all customers as soon as they enter the store so that once the number is called, that will be the cue to service each customer on a first come, first served basis? The other annoying part is that all these service personnel would not even say anything like "can you kindly wait, sir?" even if they see that the customer has been standing in front of them for several minutes.

Experience No. 2

I visited a hospital over the weekend to have a minor procedure done on my body. As the procedure started, the doctor received a call from a relative and they talked for 5 minutes. Then she returned and I thought that it was the end of it. Another relative called up later and they talked for 3 minutes. This was totally beyond comprehension. Doctors should tell their secretaries not to disturb them while they are performing surgery no matter how minor the procedure may be. How can one explain such kind of behavior from this doctor?

Experience No. 3

I tried to eat in this fast food restaurant but left immediately after being disappointed with what I experienced. There were two counters but only one was open in spite of the fact that the line of customers was already up to the main door. In spite of my protestation to open the other counter, not a single soul moved. This was very annoying to an ordinary citizen like me. I felt so helpless as I saw several other customers who were either frowning or mumbling their complaints. Even when traveling using the toll system, one will notice that even if there is already a very long queue of vehicles, there is still at least one toll booth that is closed.

Experience No. 4

As I was about to go abroad, I bought a new cellular phone that had a international roaming capability. The phone was fine when I acquired it. In fact, I tried it by making a call to my other phone. On my first day abroad, the phone would not simply open. It was totally dead. I thought the battery was just drained and so I tried to charge it but there was no sign that it was charging because the bars did not appear on the screen. In short, I was not able to use the phone. As soon as I returned to the Philippines, I went to the sales/service center where I acquired the cellular phone to have it checked. To my surprise, the service attendant told me that the battery they placed was defective. So the battery was replaced and the phone worked. When I went home, the phone was totally dead again. The following day, I went again to the sales/service center. I complained that perhaps, there was something wrong with the phone itself. The service attendant checked it and told me that the second battery that he placed was again defective. In the meantime, the company already charged me for two months. I requested if it was possible for my two-month billings to be reversed. The service staff asked me to show proof of my going abroad (passport, etc.) so he can recommend the reversal of the billings. Wow! Are not the two monthly billing statements sufficient evidence that I was able to use the cellular phone only once (of course, the only call I made was registered in the statement)? In the U.S., stores would always be willing to replace items being returned as long as the buyer presents an official receipt. No questions asked. A home depot, for instance, would even guarantee for life a plant that was purchased from it.

Experience No. 5

I dropped by this supermarket. It was 15 minutes before closing time and by the time I reached the counter, there were 5 of us who were lined-up waiting for our turn to pay. In the meantime, I saw this cashier who was animatedly talking with the other cashier while she was accounting for the purchases. There were times when she laughed and completely stopped what she was doing. Then finally, she placed this sign "CLOSED" and she asked the two of us remaining in the line to move to the other cashier. Double wow!

I think I will be a good owner/ administrator

I think I will be a good drug store, hospital, fast food restaurant, cellular phone sales/service center and supermarket owner/administrator. WHY? Because it only takes common sense and a little empathy to understand the needs of customers.

I find it hard to believe that all of these establishments have been around for so many years and yet, they have not learned how to provide excellent service, in the process delight their customers. I find it hard to understand that in spite of the so many books written on effective service orientation, several establishments have not put their learnings into practice. There was an article I read before that goes something like this?

Why do customers leave?

10%	have no need for the product/service anymore
8%	move to other areas
5%	have no more money to buy the product/service
1%	die
76%	because of their disappointment over the services provided by the establishment

Common orientation of establishments

What are the practices prevalent among establishments/service providers/suppliers?

1. Profit orientation precedes their customer orientation.
2. Quality as well as quantity are often sacrificed.
3. Timeliness of delivery of service and punctuality are not given top priority.
4. Service personnel are very rigid. They are more after earning than serving.
5. Business is focused on merely attending to customers, not delighting them.
6. Customer orientation is not well-known among the lowest levels of employees.
7. Establishments are resistant to change. They use the strategies that made them successful ages ago.

Establishments that delight customers

In fairness, there are establishments/service providers/suppliers/service personnel which delight customers. Consider the following:

1. A mall where a customer is met immediately by the greeting and warm smile of the security guard.
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3. A doctor who is always on time but on a few occasions that he is late, asks his secretary to immediately inform all patients where he is and when he finally arrives, apologizes to those who are waiting.
4. A Supervisor of a fast food restaurant, seeing that there is a long line of customers, opens the cashiering machine and volunteers his service to the customers.
5. A cab driver who asks the passenger if he is comfortable, even asking if the temperature inside the cab is acceptable to the passenger.
6. A restaurant owner who joins your table, provides information on the best food available, and partakes samples of new food items being introduced by the restaurant.
7. A food delivery boy who expresses concern to the customer that the food he delivered may no longer be warm (and apologized for it) as the delivery took longer than expected.
8. A bank Branch Manager who, seeing that there are some clients getting restless while waiting for their turn to be serviced by the tellers, calls you in his office to offer assistance.
9. A mall whose parking cashier welcomes you to the mall as you enter the parking area and thanks you for shopping in their establishment as you go out.

The list can go on. The fact remains, success can only be obtained if establishments, service providers, suppliers, etc. would know the true essence of delighting customers.

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The Importance of Being Nancy

Red-hot charmer Nancy Castiglione is as dreamy on screen as she is real off it

By Ruel S. De Vera
Photographs by Patrick Uy

SHE made saying "sorry" sexy and is yummier than yogurt. But Nancy Castiglione isn't done assaulting your senses. So attractive she's practically intoxicating, this vivacious daughter of an Italian father and a Filipino mother grew up a very Canadian girl in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Proof? She loves ice hockey.

Nancy, who used to light up Canada with her looks, can now be caught smiling and pouting from countless ads and can be seen regularly on two GMA-7 shows, "Kahit Kailan" and "Sana Ikaw Na Nga." Plus, she recently appeared in her first movie, "I Think I'm in Love." Of that experience, Nancy gets all gushy: "It was awesome!"

In person, Nancy is surprisingly small and disarmingly sweet. But the rest of her is as advertised: the slender but shapely body, the mesmerizing eyes, that infectious smile. And, of course, that twang, as thick and flavorful as milkshake, yet topped off with Tagalog phrases like a dash of pinipig. Not only is she really hot property at the moment, Nancy can be almost anything she wants to be: wholesome or naughty, innocent or sexy. Anything she wants.

Taking a break from studying Political Science at the University of Manitoba a year and a half back (her third visit ever), she was hanging out at a bar when she was discovered. Boom! Nancy was suddenly everywhere. And everyone couldn't get enough of her—and they still haven't. Now she's living a hectic life, running from one engagement to another with a steadily bubbling career managed by Primeline. "I'm learning a lot about myself right now," she smiles.

Indeed, there's so much more to her life than what you see in ads and on TV. She originally wanted to go into law, but recently she's thought about advertising and teaching. Her rising popularity, however, did nothing to dull the pain of a broken heart after her romance with Vilma Santos' son, Luis Manzano, ended. It is all a reminder that the girl living the fairy-tale life is still very real, still just 21.

In the meantime, it's a charmed life under bright lights and inside the TV screen. She's poring over scripts and movie offers and enjoying it all. "I love what I'm doing," Nancy says over and over, almost like a mantra.

SIM: You basically live on your own. Are you really living the Single Girl's life?

Nancy: I'm really independent. My parents are giving me this opportunity to live my life. They still call all the time. They know that I have a good head on my shoulders *naman*. I proved them right. The time I've been here, I've done nothing to disappoint them.

SIM: Have you always wanted to be in showbiz?

Nancy: I'd always wanted to be a superstar, or a model. It was a dream not a goal. I can't even believe what's happened. It's like a dream come true.

SIM: Do you like being the center of attention?

Nancy: Yes, I love it. I think it's the best reason to be in the business. If you don't like the exposure and stuff, you're probably in the wrong business. I love people. I'm a people person. I feed off their emotions and that's why I love entertaining.

SIM: You've had a taste of what showbiz has to offer. Do you want more of it?

Nancy: I want more but only because there are so many aspects of showbiz that I want to try and conquer, different characters I still have to

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She Can't Let Go of her Best Friend

Joe, I'm in love with a man who is already into a relationship and yet, I am finding it hard to let him go. This guy changed my outlook on commitment

Illustration by STEVEN PABALINAS

Dear Joe,

I was having second thoughts about writing this letter, but I finally had the guts to do so. Just call me Marga, a junior at one of the prestigious universities in Manila.

Joe, I'm in love with a man who is already into a relationship and yet, I am finding it hard to let him go. Years ago, my outlook about commitment changed because this guy, JM, came into my life.

Joe, before Cristine came into JM's life, everything was perfect. He was my buddy, my best friend, my textmate, and according to him, my soulmate. Everything but a boyfriend. We were close but we were scared to lose the friendship we've built for years. Joe, God knows how much I wanted to take the risk but JM didn't. What hurts more is that he is now with somebody else. I know that I could have loved him more but I was too scared to let him know. I have never given up. I'm still here, loving him in silence.

Joe, I've never been into a relationship before. I never tried because it is him I want. It is him that I long to be with, to spend my life with, to grow old with. But now, it seems impossible.

I cry every time I think of him. I go to school with puffy eyes. He keeps telling me how special I am, I always believe him Joe. I dread the day when I move a thousand miles away from him, and my heart will still cry out his name.

I may not have sane reasons why I'm still here waiting for him, loving him but I have yet to find the right guy.

Joe, I no longer dream of walking down the aisle in a grand wedding. I no longer dream of fairy tales with happy endings. What I dream of and pray for is a guy who will love me and make me feel special. Is that too much to ask, Joe? Because I think only JM could give me that.

They say you don't have to look for love; sometimes it finds its way to you, but I'm starting to lose hope and patience, Joe.

Sincerely,
Marga

Dear Marga,

Sometimes we have the stubborn tendency to get fixated on someone and forget about the world around us. I don't see any reason why you shouldn't fall for your best friend. He probably is worth it but the thing is, he doesn't seem interested in getting into a deeper relationship with you. He wouldn't be in the arms of somebody else if it was just fear of ruining your friendship that bothered him. A commitment with you was probably something that he wasn't prepared to get into.

But I understand why you feel so bad about letting something as good as this slip out of your life without even fighting for it. Marga, it's not too late to tell him how you feel. Real friends should be able to do that. But closing your doors to the real world isn't healthy. You may be able to wishfully have him in your arms forever but it may be too late when you realize that you have allowed precious time to pass you by. Then everything that you have built in your dreams would crumble in front of you. They would all be gone the moment you open your eyes.

There is nothing wrong with loving a person. It is what we do out of love that sometimes makes things wrong. People who are afraid to face what love could bring them would never be able to experience it. Only those who have the courage to express themselves will get a chance to savor love.

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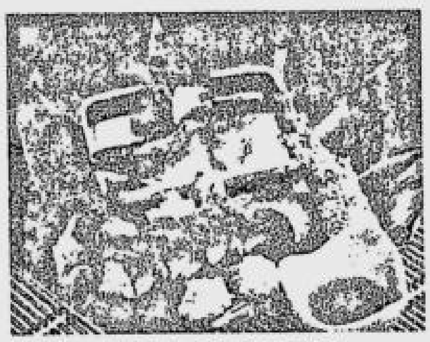

Edsa Shangri-La's Inaho Tei invites seafood aficionados to "Ayu Like Never Before" sweetfish promotion until Aug. 25. *For more of This Week, see page 7.*

The Room Was Hot and the World Was Blue

The room was hot and the world was blue
And the listener become one with the rhyme

Of the depressive trombone and poetry of being alone,
And the heat was like the flesh of the jazzman's longing,

The tenor of words spoken for ears you have taken
Permanently with you, when the room was hot and the world was blue.

The heat was part of the meaning of the song
In which the trombone's arpeggios must be fluid,

Its scales clean and precise, as if healing a wound,
For all wounds must heal,

And all memory melts away into a muted perfection of white.
And the listener forgets that he is in a room

Where there is no air and therefore nothing exists,
Not the trombone, not the stereo, not the heat. Not even the room.

Lourd Ernest de Veyra

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine accepts contributions for our regular poetry section. Interested contributors should send a printed copy of the poem (which may be in English or Filipino) together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ruel S. De Vera, poetry editor, Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Chino Roces (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Mascardo and Yague Streets, Makati City 1263, or e-mail to <sim@inquirer.com.ph>

The Word

The Canaanite Woman Among Us

Surely, it is those whom we have belittled as inferior, ignorant, poor, pagan and damned who could later teach us, cleanse us, heal, inspire and convert us

THE Canaanites were the older inhabitants of Israel who were dispossessed by the Hebrews. The Canaanite woman, in Jesus' time, symbolized all that's "good-for-nothing," useless and unclean, and therefore, ritually untouchable to the law-abiding Jew.

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel story (Mt. 15:21-28) represents people we belittle as inferior, ignorant, poor, pagan and damned.

I do not know if some among the rich belittle the poor, or if the Iglesia ni Cristo members belittle the Roman Catholics as inferior, ignorant, poor, pagan and damned. Or vice versa.

I am not sure if the official Church belittles the Masons, the New Age believers and other cults.

I'm not sure if some of us Christians belittle one another as inferior, ignorant, irrelevant, poor, pagan and damned just because we do not believe in the same dogmas, pray in the same way and sing the same hymns.

Even Jesus in today's gospel almost succumbed to the ritual temptation to absolutely ignore the Canaanite woman just because she is "just a woman" or just because she is a Canaanite who is inferior, ignorant, poor, pagan and damned.

Jesus simply said: "I have something to say indeed but only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel... it is not ritually proper for me to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

At this point, I recall the Foreword I wrote for my book, "Crumbs From His Table":

"If you are an intellectual or literary giant, this book is not for you. There is nothing extraordinarily profound or cerebral about this book... What you will get here are only crumbs from the Master's table. Crumbs may not be food for the gods (academic theologians, biblical experts and mystics); but they are good enough to nourish the little people who have nothing but their faith to nourish them and no one else to turn to when the big people oppress them.

"That's why I'm coming to you on bended knees," the Canaanite woman might have said to Jesus, "because I believe that you can do for me what the big Temple people could not and would not do for dogs like me."

And Jesus, according to the Gospel, was the one inspired and converted by the "little woman of the gutters."

Surely, it is those whom we have belittled as inferior, ignorant, poor, pagan and damned who could later teach us, cleanse us, heal, inspire and convert us when we meet the Stranger on our way to Emmaus at the end of the day. (Lk. 24:13-35)

"*Kaya noong ika-25 taon ng aking pagkapari, tinugon ko ang bagong tawag ni Hesus sa akin. Sa pahintulot ni* Cardinal Sin, *at sa tulong ni* Bishop Legaspi, *binuksan ko ang* Center for Migrant Youth—*isang hiram na bahay na nagsisilbing pansamantalang silungan para sa mga maralitang kabataang probinsiyano na bagong salta sa siyudad, walang kaanak at kakilala dito, at naging biktima ng karukhaan, dahas at pang-aapi ng mga taga-lungsod. Sila'y natagpuang natutulog sa bangketa, sa* Rizal Park, *sa ilalim ng tulay, sa patio ng mga simbahan—gutom na gutom, galit sa mundo, takot na takot, walang mabalingan. Marami sa kanila ang may kapansanan sa katawan. Ang ilan ay may kapansanan sa pag-iisip: marungis, mabaho, itinuturing na basura at polusyon ng lipunan, pinandidirihan, pinagtatawanan, iniiwasan, kinukutya, pinagsasamantalahan. Sila ang mga kasambahay ko sa* Center. *Sa mata ng sanlibutan ay sukdulan ng katangahan subalit sa aking karanasan, sila ang estranghero sa daan tungo sa* Emaus (Lk. 24:13-15). *Sila ang nagturo sa akin ng maraming bagay tungkol sa Diyos (na hindi naituro sa akin ng mga* theologian *at eksperto). Sila ang nagbago sa akin, nagpakain, naglinis, naghilom sa aking mga sugat, nagpalaya, nagligtas sa akin, nagpahayag sa akin ng mukha ng Diyos sa tuwing nagpipira-piraso kami ng tinapay... at ng aming buhay...*"—"Crumbs From His Table," page 5

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The Center for Migrant Youth will be 20 next month. Come rejoice, pray and party with us. Here's our September Sunday schedule: Sept. 1—No public Mass at Cordillera St., Sta. Mesa Hts., QC; Sept. 8—8:15 a.m. Mass at Cordillera; Sept. 15—8:15 a.m. Mass at Cordillera; Sept. 22—CMY 20 Celebration I at Cordillera, 8:15 a.m. Eucharist—bring something simple for the breakfast table, bring your usual "Sustenance Alms" for CMY and the Poor; Sept. 29—CMY 20 Celebration II at Shepherd's Place, Dasmariñas, Cavite, 10 a.m. Eucharist—bring something simple for brunch, bring the usual "Sustenance Alms" for CMY and the Poor.

"Sustenance Alms"—Choose any from the following: beddings (pillow, blanket, mat), milk, coffee, rubber slippers, corned beef and other canned foods, toiletries.

Come and celebrate with CMY. We are 20! Jam with us especially if you are 20 or thereabouts, at least in your heart.

For details, call 732-8268. Ask for Joe or Erps.

Poetry

Manila, My Manila: A Wish List for a Day

Clear-cut directions to get me
To the public restroom on time.

Toilets with seats
Or toilet seats without beads of piss.

A menu that gives me what I want
Or won't make me go yellow.

Shit, oh, shit,
Please help me shit in peace and order.

McDonald's without gun-crazed guards,
Ground pork that's cooked,

Cup of water that doesn't leak
Between my legs.

Beggars and cashiers who won't ask for loose change;
Long-lost aunts who don't pimp their daughters two days in a row;

Three rounds of guilt-free sex
With a bottom Born-Again Christian,

A top Charismatic Catholic,
And a versatile Muslim rebel wanted by Colonel Powell.

Also, for the Virgin Mary to take a day off
From apparitions and info-mercials.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,
Have mercy and free her for a day.

Motorists to brake for pedestrians,
Cardiac-friendly horns,

Sidewalk that are pieced together,
And President Arroyo to star in a full-length

Animation about a city that sinks
In the heat and swims in the rain.

R. Zamora Linmark

Milestones

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

An Officer and a Gentleman

Called General Pacman for gobbling up Muslim rebel camps, Gen. Roy Cimatu, who retires next month, would rather be known as the thinking general

FRANK CIMATU
AFP
CIMATU

The man and his image

RIGHT after World War II on July 4, 1946, the second son of Fidel Cimatu Sr. and Clara Agullana was born. As if being born on a national holiday wasn't special enough, Gen. Roy Cimatu, outgoing Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff, said there was a more auspicious event during his birthing.

"My mother told me that when I was born, a fireball appeared and entered my mouth," Cimatu told some 2,000 residents of Bangui, Ilocos Norte on June 20, a month after he was installed as the 29th chief of staff of the 67-year-old AFP. Cimatu, who was due to retire on July 4, 2002, was recently in the news when President Arroyo extended his term to Sept. 1.

"Did he say fireball or firefly?" someone asked in a whisper, and as if on cue, Cimatu repeated the story and said that it was indeed a fireball.

"So, when will he spew it out?" a cousin asked hours later.

General Cimatu or Loy, as he is known among his friends and relatives in Bangui, won't tell, but if it was indeed a fireball he ingested, it hardly showed. The general, a reserved man, isn't known for fiery speeches.

Asked how he'd like to be described, Cimatu said he relishes his reputation as a thinking general. "Also as General Pacman," he added as an afterthought. The general earned the sobriquet for gobbling up the camps of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 1999.

When Cimatu visited his hometown Bangui (meaning "seaweed" in Ilokano) at the northern tip of Luzon, about 4,000 residents lined up the main street as early as 8 a.m., waving flags with his picture on it. Two hours later when he arrived, Cimatu immediately inaugurated the bust of his older brother Dante at the town's police station. Dante, a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy of 1968, was the Constabulary chief of Bataan when he died in a motor accident in 1977. Another brother, Fidel Jr. of PMA Class '77, is now the police chief of Ilocos Sur.

"I vividly remembered during *Manong* Dante's wake when an uncle, Maximo Garvida, came to me and wailed, '*Awanen ti namnama ti tattao ti* Bangui (we have lost the hope of the people). I never forgot what he said,' Cimatu recalled.

He was determined to prove his uncle wrong. "Dedication and sacrifice were what made me what I am," the new AFP chief said. His school records would prove this.

He was the best in mathematics who always made it a point to finish his math problems," recalled his Grade V teacher, Imelda Malapit.

The teacher also remembered offering the young Cimatu the role of the king in a school play titled "Princess of Moroland." But, Malapit said, "he wanted the role of the chief warrior protecting the princess."

Agreed Pilar Erece, a former classmate:"He was the best in Math but he was never awarded the medal for best behavior, if you know what I mean."

In fact, his Grade I teacher and aunt, Salvacion de la Cruz, remembered how Cimatu and three other classmates once failed to return to class after recess.

The whole of Bangui Central Elementary School (where both Cimatu's parents were teaching) searched for the four only to find them swimming in the sea.

"I took their clothes and they had to go to school naked," De la Cruz said. "What they won't tell me was that it was Loy who led them to the beach." Despite that, she added, "I saw in him his devotion to God, and his ability to laugh at his mistakes."

Cimatu later attended the Bangui National High School and then enrolled at the National University where he took up civil engineering. While at NU, he took the PMA exam and followed in his brother's footsteps.

The PMAer from the northernmost part of Luzon was soon assigned to the southern part of Mindanao. First detailed as a lieutenant in Jolo in 1971, Cimatu rose from the ranks and became commander of the 601st Brigade of the 6th Infantry Division in Cotabato.

In 1973, he married Fe Aguillon of Antique. They have a son Dennis, an architecture student at the University of Sto. Tomas.

Cimatu's shining moment was the rescue of four hostages, including a Japanese tourist, who were abducted by. the Abu Sayyaf on June 15, 1997 at the Celebes Beach Resort in Sarangani Bay.

Despite a calculating mind and a penchant for reading and re-reading military strategy books, Cimatu recalled that it was instinct which got him to pinpoint the location of the kidnappers led by a certain Waron Hasib.

"I looked at my map," he recounted. "I had to assume a particular location to narrow down probable places for the conduct of a successful rescue attempt. I gazed at my map for minutes and found myself encircling three grid squares equivalent to three square kilometers," he recalled.

The kidnappers were indeed within those three squares and the four kidnap victims were rescued.

Cimatu later became deputy chief of staff for comptrollership and returned again to Mindanao as commander of the 4th Infantry Division. It was here where he became known as General Pacman for overrunning 40 MILF camps, including Camp Bushra and Camp Abubakar.

After learning about the fall of Camp Abubakar, the general changed into a clean uniform and attended the Sunday Mass. Despite his monicker which recalls an avaricious computer game character, Cimatu remains lean and mean, his comfort foods being spartan Ilokano favorites *pinakbet, inabraw, palaleng* (river fish) and ampalaya.

On the night of his visit to his hometown, the general flitted among his guests, sipping brandy. Little did they know that he was constantly being briefed on the encounter with Abu Sabaya off the coast of Zamboanga del Norte.

On the morning of June 21, Cimatu was off to Zamboanga for a press conference. He visited his ailing father who had suffered a stroke in 1994 and is now wheelchair-bound. Roy's mother, Clara Agullana, died of cancer in 1996.

"My father said he will not die until I get my first star. When I got my first star, he said he'll wait for the second," Cimatu said.

Asked about his birthday wish when he turned 56 on July 4, he said: "I hope the country would give our soldier a pat on the back. He has been working hard throughout the years and he needs all the respect he can get."

As if on cue, his father patted him on the back.

Family ties: Seated from right: Fidel Cimatu Sr. and Clara Agullanas Cimatu; standing: 2Lt. Dante Cimatu (deceased), Fidel Jr. and Roy Cimatu (2nd Class)

Roy Cimatu and mother during the ring-hop ceremonies taken at PMA in 1970

The author is a first cousin of General Cimatu. He covers Baguio City and the Cordillera for the PDI Northern Luzon Bureau.

Little Lives

By Carmela dela Luna

INNER MAGIC CLUB

JIM CURO PUNZALAN

Mr. Magic

THE bustling streets of Quiapo hold a lot of different things for different people. For a twelve-year- old kid some 31 years ago, it held magic.

It was amidst the hawkers and traders of cigarettes, candles and home-bottled medicine that a young Cris Castro first felt awe for magic tricks. He stood transfixed in front of one particular stall, watching in wonder as a strip of paper disappeared under a tin can only to reappear as a hundred peso bill. He became a regular for the next two weeks, until the street trickster took pity on the boy and let him in on some secrets.

Coming from a squatter family in Pasay, Cris did not have much room with which to explore his newfound interest. "But I made up my mind to learn as much as I could about magic, and I knew that a small thing like money wasn't going to stop me," recounts the now 43-year-old certified magic man.

His love affair with the trade grew as he scrounged through novelty shops, buying the small and cheap trinkets that he could afford, while keeping his eyes and ears open to learn new tricks from other magicians. Books became his key in unlocking doors of enchantment. His first audience? Fellow boy scouts at a campfire, for whom he performed his then-perfected tin can trick.

From street corners and campfires where he transformed scrap paper into money, Cris now stands on public platforms with bottomless hats, silk scarves and his signature trick, tables that float. "Imagine, now they call me Mr. Magic," he grins, shaking his head in disbelief.

What initially was a personal interest later became the centerpiece of his other passion: his work with street children. "It became evident that magic can be a big help in getting the attention of children, and it became my primary weapon to get those kids off the streets," he says. After graduating as a nurse from Manila's Professional Health College, Cris opted for a job as scout executive. "One of my greatest tricks is taking 12 of my scouts, all street children, to Australia for a jamboree. That's so much more fulfilling than pulling a rabbit out of a hat," he chuckles.

> *He learned his first magic trick in the streets of Quiapo. Some 30 years later, magician Cris Castro returns the favor and performs charity shows to get children off the streets*

And fulfilled he seems to be as he lounges in an old white shirt and slacks, a hand towel draped casually over one shoulder in stark contrast to the glittering fuchsia coat he'll put on for a performance barely two hours away. He is setting up the stage for a free show for 500 kids at the Pope Pius Center, when another charity show interrupts his work. He doesn't seem to mind.

Why is he so involved with street children? "Because that's where I came from. I know how it goes," Cris reveals. "I used to do trading on the street, selling ballpens and pencils. It was a hard life. When things got better, I promised myself that I would help out these street children. I made sure I never forgot."

With one former scout, Cris formed Filipino Mentoring, an SEC-registered group of Filipino mentors that offers counseling for street children. One of their projects is herding these children into clean living by getting them hooked on magic. He never tires of helping other people out, says Cris, because he believes that "if you help other people, it can only come back to you a thousandfold."

Despite the odds he faced in his early years, Cris remains a simple and jolly man who never tires of counting his blessings. "Life is comfortable. I'm able to support my mother who's diabetic, I have my own car, I can travel with the help of some friends if I wanted to. Not bad for someone who used to sell newspapers and shine shoes for a living."

Which is why, he says, he encourages his colleagues at the elite Inner Magic Club to always remember to look beyond their earnings. "Magic is a very lucrative business. As vice president of the Club, I try to push other magicians to share, to do charity work as much as they can."

Established in 1996, the IMC is an organization where hobbyist magicians—nonprofessionals and professionals alike--meet to keep each other up to date. "It's a very interesting mix of people. We have lawyers, justices, doctors, executives, politicians. We have Las Vegas' Jeff Simon, our own Rannie Raymundo and Cogie Domingo. Most of these people are hobbyists, people who love and appreciate magic for what it is, an art of mystery."

Already a member of the US-based International Brotherhood of Magicians, the IMC will soon be part of the newly-founded ASEAN Magic Association to be based in Hong Kong. The IMC is one of the country's four recognized magician's groups, the other three being the Magician Foundation, the Order of the Magi, and Salamanca Filipino.

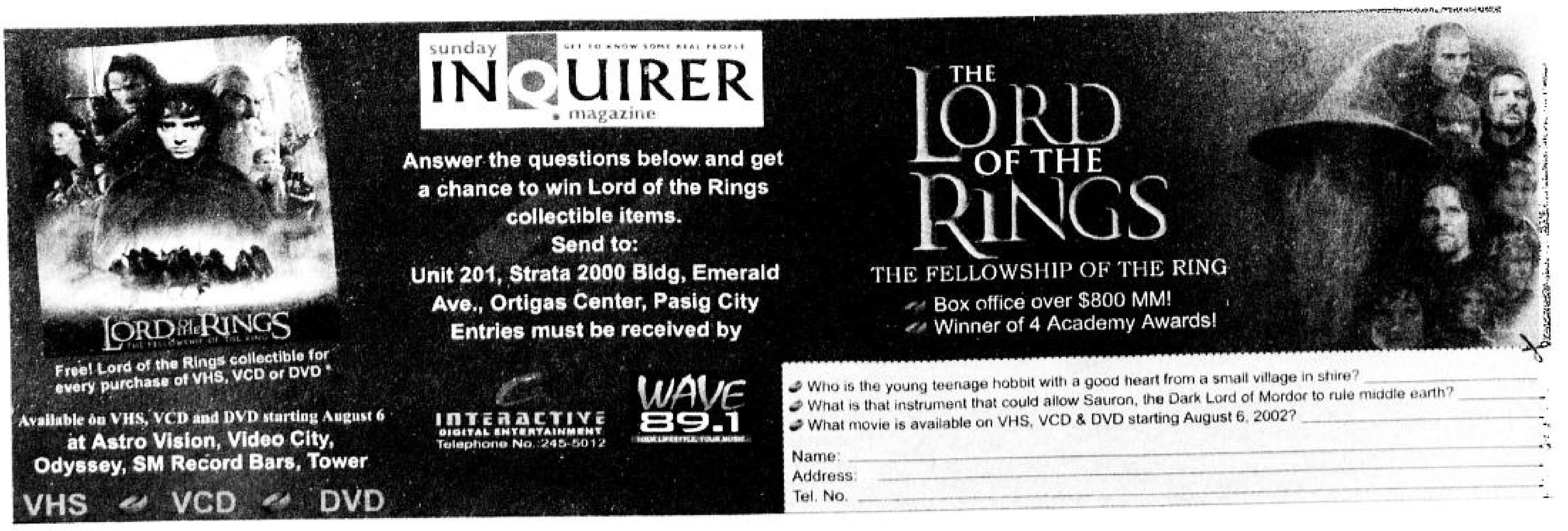
Cris notes that the profile of his home organization is unique and distinct. "I'm particularly proud of our group because we were the first to perform in the Cultural Center of the Philippines, where we put up Salamanca a little over a decade ago. I was the show's floor director, and the best trick I witnessed was seeing all these talents come together to work for charity."

Although Cris himself has given performances internationally, he admits that he remains intimidated by the cynicism of the Filipino. "Even with kids, especially those from the higher income bracker. The one thing I fear most is dryness or boredom from my audience. For me, magic happens when I can amaze my audience. What is addicting about doing magic tricks is being able to show people something amazing, something that will puzzle their minds. That is magic to me. Apathy, which seems to be innate in Filipinos, is the strongest antidote for magic."

His current audience of 500 kids rewards him with the standard ooh's and aah's of appreciation, clapping with glee as he makes a table float in mid-air in curves and swirls. Children of various ages sit on the edges of their seats, slack-jawed and open-mouthed as Cris continues to weave his spell of wonder.

How long does he see himself doing this? "For as long as I live. My happiness depends on making people happy, especially the kids. That's what I want my life to be about."

With such noble thoughts, it's bound to be a magical life.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To further feed the Filipino's love for texting, SMART has introduced a breakthrough service that should help subscribers on prepaid accounts continue texting to their heart's desire - SMART Buddy PureTxT 100.

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Monchu Garcia, going places with SMART

When people think of certain products and services, some of the most familiar products are often equated with the celebrities that endorse them. It's a proven advertising strategy worldwide and continues to be used in pushing different consumer products. As effective a strategy as that has been however, the proof of a product's success still remains with the use and endorsement of everyday people. One of these people is Monchu Garcia.

Jose Ramon "Monchu" Garcia is a businessman whose dealings involve international trade and logistics as the man behind Rayomar as well as Orient Freight. He's also involved with the Philippine arm of E2Door.com. As such, the 41-year old Monchu is someone who leads a very active lifestyle, and someone who finds SMART an indispensable part of his day. He switched to SMART some six months ago, mainly because he values the VIP Customer Service which SMART has offered him. Monchu noted that he was using another GSM celfone network for nearly seven years, but that previous network sadly lost focus on taking care of their customers. "I felt taken for granted," he said, "That's definitely not the case with SMART."

Armed with a Nokia 9210 Communicator and a Palm Pilot, Monchu considers himself a major "gadgets guy". "I can't live without my SMART celfone. It's my life, and it's everywhere," he adds. The celfone is the most convenient tool for Monchu to do business, and he realizes its importance. "Globally, people connect with me using my celfone," he says, "Through SMART IDD and International Roaming; I'm always in touch with business associates and clients whether they're in Asia, Europe, the U.S., or the Middle East."

Despite his schedule being so hectic and his dealings with international entities, Monchu still manages to find the time to maintain his family ties. With his SMART Gold GSM celfone, he can still text his wife and three kids, as well as stay updated on their school schedules and any school functions that he might have to go to. He proudly states that he communicates with his family through their celfones at least once a day, and he always makes the effort to stay in constant touch with them.

Asked what he enjoys the most about using SMART Gold GSM, Monchu gladly shares that aside from the excellent customer service, he likes other facets made available by SMART. From the My Locator service, traffic news, information services, etc. he appreciates the SMART services for being practical, and not all about fun and games. Monchu states that, "I like using that SMART Money service. I use SMART Money when shopping at the Alabang Town Center," thus reaping the rewards that come with using the SMART Money card. With the dawn of the new SMART 64K Super SIM, and its integration of SMART Money and SMART zed services, Monchu only finds himself enjoying the benefits provided by SMART even more.

As a captain of industry and an international businessman, Monchu stresses the importance of always being able to communicate with anybody, anywhere, at any time. SMART makes all those all possible and more as it has helped him to both do business, as well as enjoy keeping his family always just a phone call away. A SMART man if ever there was one.

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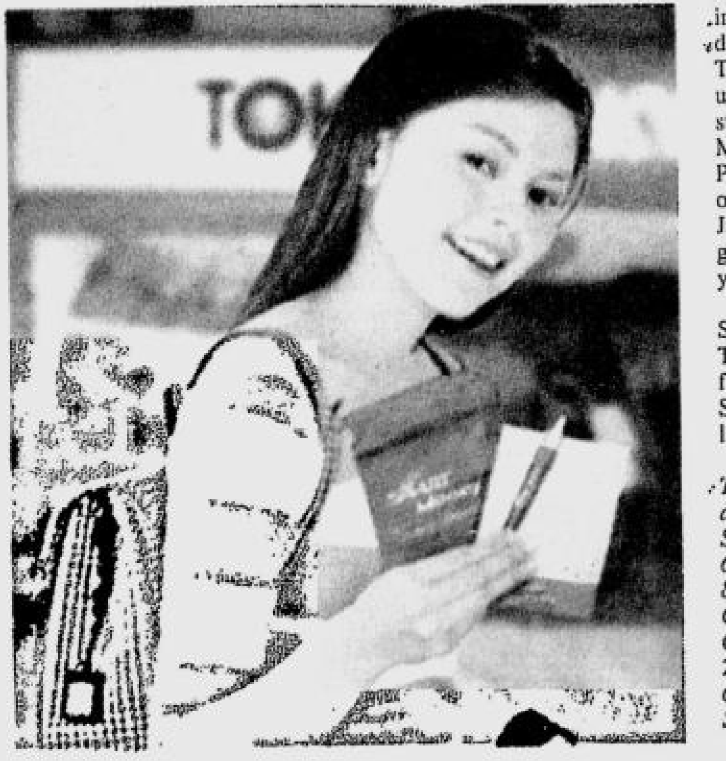

SMART launches CrazeeTxt

SMART introduces a fun way to text: CrazeeTxt from FUNMAIL™. SMART offers you the chance to express emotions and feelings in a light-hearted manner. If in the past your texts could be misinterpreted or misunderstood simply because of the pictures used, you can now change that with clear fun icons to match your words. Let the picture messages of SMART CrazeeTxt convey your funny side in various shapes and sizes!

Every text can be more expressive with a fun icon, featuring characters such as the kids from "South Park", Garfield and others. GF stands for Garfield, SP for South Park, MC for MC Snow, SU is Sugar Puff, and JJ is Jungle Jimmy. Simply type in the code corresponding to the character that you want to appear, space followed by your text message, then send to 251. Your message will be sent back with the nearest graphical picture message match.

For example, if you want to say "hi" to a newfound friend, type in GF Have A Nice Day! and send to 251. A graphic featuring Garfield will appear with your text at the bottom. You can then forward this picture message to your friend! Or, you can automatically send the icon and the message to your friend by typing the message, your friend's number and then send that to 251. Tired of thinking and you want canned fun messages? Simply send Greet or Flirt to 251, and you are in for an exciting fun message. Who knows, it's a text that might make a big difference with that special someone that you're flirting with now.

It's a personal and funny touch that was previously used mainly for regular occasions. With CrazeeTxt, your messages now have more creative and fun flair to them, manifested through corresponding fun icons. From anniversary, anxiety/worry, birthday, celebration/party, childbirth, courtship/proposal, love, etc., CrazeeTxt can manifest what your funny bone is feeling at that very moment!

It is said that fun and laughter is the best antidote to life's worries. With SMART CrazeeTxt, a few words through a text message are all you'll need. Let the matching cartoon characters deliver the laughter and fun for you!

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JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Pinoy Connection

By Cora Llamas

Building Britain's Cultural Bridges

THE seasons are a little calmer for British Council (BC) director Gill Westaway. These days, the Philippines only has to contend with a fractious Senate, an economic crisis, and the perpetual siege against the Communist or Muslim rebels. Had she assumed her post a year earlier, she would have caught the tail-end of the trial of the chief of state, a power transfer that took all of four days, and the storming of the Palace by an angry mob.

Had it happened, Gill's friends would have ribbed her for the umpteenth time, "See! You've done it again!"

It's not that the smart-moving, amiable, and jolly director is the carrier of bad luck. It's just that she's always at the most interesting places during the most interesting times. Only a year ago, she was busy promoting the United Kingdom's programs on arts, culture, education, and governance in Jakarta, right in the thick of the riots against the ethnic Chinese community. In another posting in previous years, she felt first-hand the racial tensions between the black and white communities in South Africa.

After her stint in Indonesia, Gill specifically asked for the posting in the Philippines, right in the midst of the country's political and economic turmoil. All it took was the sight of a posted ad in the office bulletin board at the end of February last year. Gill was in the middle of a not quite fulfilling tenure in the UK.

British Council director Gill Westaway has been to some interesting places in Asia during their most turbulent times. Such interest in other cultures she hopes to translate into mutual curiosity about the Britons

"I am keen to stay in Asia," she confesses, "I like the region. And I've always been curious about the Philippines. It represents a mix of Asia, the Spanish Colonial times, and the American influence. It's also one of the few countries in this part of the world where people speak English."

The lady has always been considered "non-conformist and highly unconventional," especially in Latin America where she worked as the BC's Director of Studies. Her fondness for "tight trousers and cowboy boots" certainly set her apart.

This penchant for standing out, though, can be traced to her growing up years. It begins with an Australian mother who's always thought of a second home Down Under. With the blessings of her husband, Mrs. Westaway would also take periodic explorations via a couple of boats to certain parts of the UK or the world—which was considered unusual for a mother of two in the good old 1940s and '50s.

Then, the student exchange programs with France and Germany as a 14-year-old set Gill on her course early. During those trips, "I liked sitting in public places, just absorbing the culture and observing the people (from a distance). I wanted to relate to people from other cultures and see what made them different from the British."

Learning other people's languages soon followed, with Gill learned to speak French, English, German, Spanish, Swahili, and Bahasa Indonesia. Tagalog lessons were on her plate a full four months before landing in the Philippines. This yen for cultural diversity, mixed with a love for travel, brought her to places like Strasbourg, Buenos Aires, Bogota, Kenya, and now, Asia.

Decades later, the learning continues. One thing that Gill always does once she's assigned to a foreign post is to go beyond the plush residential villages "where the only friends you have are British." She mingles with the nationals, inviting friends and acquaintances to barbecues at her home or dancing with them in Latin night clubs on Friday nights.

"Everyday, you start to learn new things about some one else's culture," she reveals, "You talk to people and dig underneath because things aren't simple as they seem. Filipinos and Indonesians generally tell me what they think I want to hear, rather than what they really think."

To get them to open up, one has to build "a relationship of trust. In Kenya, the segregation was still strong. Whites and blacks moved in different circle. But I didn't want to be part of the expat ghetto. I joined a sports club which was a mix of blacks, whites, and Indians. The teachers and headmistresses (whom I met regularly in my work) were there. It took a while for the black people to trust you. While they were civil and friendly, they were distant—they looked at you as white and rich. Later, once they found out that you were warm, they were incredibly easy to get along with.

"The same was true in Indonesia: though the people are nice, you still have to work at the trust. One thing I noticed is that family is very important to them. (We Britons) can live happily with the idea that my par-

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Nancy

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portray and stuff like that.

SIM: Let's talk about the Nancy away from the lights. Are you a homebody?

Nancy: I'm very much so. I realize now that I was always like that: Back in Canada, I'd go out with my friends like once a week. But here, because of what I'm doing, I value my sleeping time. I don't go out much; I prefer staying home and watching movies, or going out for dinner with friends, have a few drinks, go home and make *kuwento.*

SIM: What would people be most surprised to find out about you?

Nancy: Most people have this preconceived notion that I'm a snob. I'm not! I'm not at all. Actually, I'm very shy. What I do when I'm shy is sit there, be quiet, try to feel the atmosphere until I feel a part of it. If not that, then I'll just wing out and be super loud. *Basta*, I'll just be myself and make myself part of the room. *Alam mo iyon?*

SIM: Are you moody?

Nancy: I think I'm moody, probably because of lack of sleep. Generally, I have a good heart. I never intentionally try to hurt others or do things to make them angry. I'm spiritual, but not really religious. I love what I'm doing, and I just do my own thing and make myself happy instead of making other people happy.

SIM: Do you spend a lot of time in front of the mirror? Do you consider yourself somewhat *kikay*?

Nancy: I'm everything. It really depends on my moods. I can be really *kikay*. There are days I like to get all dolled up by myself, put on makeup, get a nice outfit. But there are days I can go out without any makeup, just in a T-shirt and jeans.

SIM: Do you like eating?

Nancy: Oh my God, I love eating! I'm really *takaw.* I know it's hard to believe, but I really am. And I'm a rice eater. As opposed to anything else, I love rice and I love *ulam.*

SIM: Do you drink beer?

Nancy: No, but if I did, it would be Red Horse Beer!

SIM: OK. Then do you eat yogurt?

Nancy: And yes, I do eat yogurt. I love yogurt.

SIM: You're coming off a breakup. How are you doing?

Nancy: That's the good thing about my schedule. It tends to pull my attention away from that. Maybe a few weeks ago, I wouldn't have been this well. Actually, I'm pretty good at separating work from my personal life. But it's still hard because you spent a year with someone, you were together almost every day. It changes your routine a lot. Now that you're alone, you really feel it. Thank God for my work because if it weren't for that, I'd probably be moping.

SIM: Is it harder having a relationship when you're well known?

Nancy: It's very hard. It's my first experience ever dealing with a relationship that's become so public. I don't mind because that's a part of it. I never get angry. But it gets hard sometimes because you do have a personal life and yet you have an image to portray.

SIM: Are you seeing anyone now?

Nancy: No, not exclusively. There are people I'm hanging out with. But I am not, definitely by any means, prepared to dive into another relationship like that. Not right now, that's for sure.

SIM: People now know you're single. Are guys coming out of the woodwork?

Nancy: Not as many as people think. There are a couple, but it's not like my phone is ringing off the hook or people hit on me wherever I go.

SIM: So are you planning to finish your studies?

Nancy: I will eventually have a degree, no matter what age I'll be. I have no plans regarding time. I'll always do what makes me happy. And if I'm no longer happy with show business, I'm not afraid to leave it and go back home and start over as a student.

SIM: So you'll ride this showbiz wave as far as it'll go?

Nancy: As far as I can possibly get, or until I'm unhappy. If that happens, I'll just get an education here or go home.

SIM: So the world is opening up for you?

Nancy: It's always been open. I just take every opportunity to grab whatever I can.

SIM: How different is your life now from when you first got here?

Nancy: Very, very different. Completely different! Unbelievably different. But in some ways, it's still the same. I see the image that I have and I know the real me. I wish that I have the opportunity to show people who I really am. It's close *naman*. I don't fake it *naman* on screen. I mean, I do look sweet and cute and sometimes *taray* but I think I'm interesting. There's so much more to me. The best way to describe my personality is a kaleidoscope.

SIM: So you're not, well, sorry than you stayed?

Nancy: Not sorry at all. I'm still very happy. There's still lot of new things I'm learning about the Philippines. There are still so many places I want to see here. Staying here is very much a cultural experience.

Nancy is enjoying her Philippine adventure

This Week

Art

Crossing, a group exhibit by visual artists Noel Soler Cuizon, Karen Ocampo Flores, Kiko Escora and Irma Lacorte at The Drawing Room, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City until Aug. 28.

Dr. Roger Mendiola's "X-cavated" on exhibit at the Avellana Art Gallery

***KaARTEhan ng Apat na Babae Mula sa* UST**, a group exhibit by Nady S. Nacario, Jane Arrieta-Ebarle, Lydia T. Magdaluyo and Aida T. Magdaluyo at The Lobby, UP Vargas Museum until Aug. 29.

X-cavated, a sculpture exhibit of excavated art by Dr. Roger Mendiola until Aug. 29 at the Avellana Art Gallery, 220 Fresno Road, Pasay City.

Paintings, Alfredo Juan Aquilizan's mixed media works on canvas at Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Aug. 30.

TitaMariAlmaIrma: Conversations with 19th Century Artists, a group exhibit of visual artists Tita Lim, Maria Taniguchi, Alma "Urduja" Quinto and Irma Lacorte at the Surrounded by Water Art Gallery, 70 18th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City until Sept. 7. For details, call 421-3526.

Music

Dramatis Personae stages "Rashomon"

Hard Rock Café retraces the music of the '70s with an explosive party series called **That '70s** featuring the showband Dynasouls on all Wednesdays of August from 9:30 p.m. onwards. For inquiries, call 893-4661 to 63.

Calvin Millado returns to Country Waffles Rockwell Friday nights of August while **Dessa** starts her schedule at the same venue every Wednesday.

Cinema

Choice Asian films will be screened during the **Asean Film Week 2002** at the Cultural Center of the Philippines from Aug. 20-23. Featured flicks are "Raja Bori (Royal City)" from Cambodia, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m.; Indonesia's "Roro Mendut (A Common Ideal)," Aug. 21, 7 p.m.; Vietnam's "Co Lau (Arundinaceous Cane)," Aug. 22, 4 p.m.; Thailand's "Koo Kum (Sunset at Chaopraya)," Aug. 22, 7 p.m.; Myanmar's Thingyan Moe," Aug. 23, 1:30 p.m.; Malaysia's "Leftenan Adnan (Lieutenant Adnan)," Aug. 23, 4 p.m. The Philippines' entry is Jeffrey Jeturian's "Tuhog" to be shown on Aug. 23, 7 p.m. at the CCP Little Theater. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1704/1705.

Onstage

A Decade of Dance, an anniversary dance concert of Footworks Dance Theater of DLSU-College of St. Benilde to be held at the Augusto Rosario Gonzalez Theater, College of St. Benilde on Aug. 21 and 23 at 1 p.m. and on Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24 at 7 p.m. For tickets, call 526-7441 loc. 256/257.

Gabe Mercado in Tanghalang Ateneo's and Bulwagang Bughaw's *"Ang Bagong Damit ng Dakilang Bahag Hari"*

Dramatis Personae resumes its staging of **Rashomon** on Aug. 18, 24, 25 and Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Pius XII Theater, Pius XII Catholic Center, UN Avenue, Manila and on Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the GSIS Theater, Financial Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Tickets available at Ticketnet, all SM malls, CCP box office, Landmark ticketron and at The Podium, Ortigas Center.

Ang Bagong Damit ng Dakilang Bahag Hari, a children's musical presented by Tanghalang Ateneo based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of pride, deception and revelation, Aug. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the FEU Auditorium. For details, call 410-8167 or 426-6001 loc. 5056.

Atbp

The Philippine Normal University will hold its **national seminar-worshop in Filipino** at the PNU A-V Theater, Aug. 26-28 with the theme "Ang Integrativ, Interaktiv at Kolaborativ na Pagtuturo ng Filipino Batay sa Nireistrukturang Kurikulum ng Batayang Edukasyon." Registration fee is P2,000 inclusive of food, handouts and certificate. For details, call 527-0371.

Learn how to assemble your own PC, configure hardware, install software and troubleshoot basic computer problems through a **Computer Assembly workshop** on Aug. 25 at the Isis International-Manila, 3 Marunong St., Teacher's Village Ext. (near QC Hall). For reservations, call 417-1521.

The **Photography Art Center** is holding weekend workshops on Black and White Fine Art Photography and Printing, Pinhole Camera Photography, Photoshop, History of Photography, Graphic Design Basics, History of Graphic Design and Portfolio Presentation. Enrollment is ongoing until Aug. 31. Workshops start Sept. 1 at Zen Building, 8352 Mayapis St. cor. St. Paul Street, San Antonio Village, Makati. For inquiries, call 895-4143 (Wednesday to Saturday only from 1-8 p.m.).

Dramatis Personae announces **auditions for a unique gender-bending mobile lounge act** from Aug. 19-23, 2-6 p.m. at the lobby of Garden Island Tower 2, 34 N. Domingo St., Valencia, New Manila, QC. Auditions are open to performing artists from 18 to 65 years old, and with no preferred sexual orientation. Auditionees are required to bring their resumé with 2 x 2 photo, and prepare an original five-minute monologue in English and Filipino preferably based on true-to-life experiences of gender-bending nature. For inquiries, call 722-4205 or 721-3178.

Learn the basics of understanding the astrological signs, houses and planets in your own birth chart through **Your Birth Sign: Choice and Destiny**, an introductory workshop on Basic Astrology on Aug. 24-25. For details, call 434-5381 or 0919-7091436.

There will be a hands-on **Introductory Course on Polyester Resin** (figurine making, fiberglass, stained glass, lamination, encapsulation and synthetic granite) on Aug. 22-24. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

ProActive Center for Training will hold a seminar on **Marketing and Promoting Your Foodservice Business** on Aug. 23-25, 2 to 6 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C5, Libis, Quezon City. For reservations, call 787-6370.

Manuel L. Quezon III, columnist and editorial writer, will give **a talk on Manuel L. Quezon and Ramon Magsaysay as symbols of strong leadership** in Philippine political history. The talk will discuss the conscious efforts of the two presidents to enhance the prestige of the presidency through symbolism, such as their dress, habits, and use of the presidential palace. Aug. 21, 12 noon, at Rockwell Club. For details, call 631-2417 or 449-2355.

Amy Cavosora will give lectures and reflections on **Remembering Abba Guided Meditation** (Aug. 24, 9 a.m.) and A Course in Miracles (Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m.) at Sterten Place, Teacher's Village, QC. For inquiries, call 925-2795.

The Festival Supermall in Filinvest, Alabang, Muntinlupa hosts the **Mother Nature Fair** until Aug. 28 at the 2/F, Carousel. The event features products in landscape and gardening, flowers and florist, health foods, herbal products, scents and aromatherapy, ceramics, juices and puree, and wines.

The Philippine High School for the Arts is now accepting applications for full secondary education scholarship for SY 2003-2004 through its **Annual Nationwide Search for Young Art Scholars**. PHSA screens Grade VI and VII pupils from both private and public elementary schools and accepts a limited number of students in the field of Dance, Music, Theater Arts, Creative Writing and Visual Arts. Application forms are available at the Dept. of Education Division Offices, The National Commission for Culture and the Arts, DILG Unit offices, Cultural Center of the Philippines, PHSA-Manila office at the Folk Arts Theater and PHSA National Arts Center, Mt. Makiling, Los Baños. Deadline for submission is Sept. 20 for Luzon, Oct. 18 for Visayas and Nov. 8 for Mindanao. For details, call (049) 536-5972 or (02) 832-1120 loc. 112.

The Citizens' Disaster Response Center is conducting a **poster-making contest for children** dubbed as *Apoy, Bagyo, Kalamidad: Dibuhong Pambata* meant to impart the value of disaster preparedness to children. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept. 16. For details, call 924-0386 or 929-9822.

X-manila

Experience a spectacular presentation of Filipino dances and songs, as well as international folk, classical, contemporary and modern renditions of the **Sining Kumintang ng Batangas** on Aug. 24, 7 p.m. at the Sentrum, De La Salle, Lipa City. Proceeds will go to the repair and restoration of the 33-year-old San Sebastian Cathedral Pipe Organ. Tickets available at parish offices in the Archdiocese of Lipa. For details, call (043) 981-1160 or (043) 756-2142.

Halo-Halo Espesyal, a group exhibit by students from the Institute of Fine Arts of the University of Nothern Philippines in Vigan City until Aug. 31 at the Marinella Complex, Bantay, Ilocos Sur. It will also highlight a collaborative floor painting of "Buhay Estudyante" by Pablo Zingapan, Serbrave Singh, Aubrey Terry, Henryson Fetalvero, Lance dela Torre, Fidel Quiñones and Redentor Castillo.

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Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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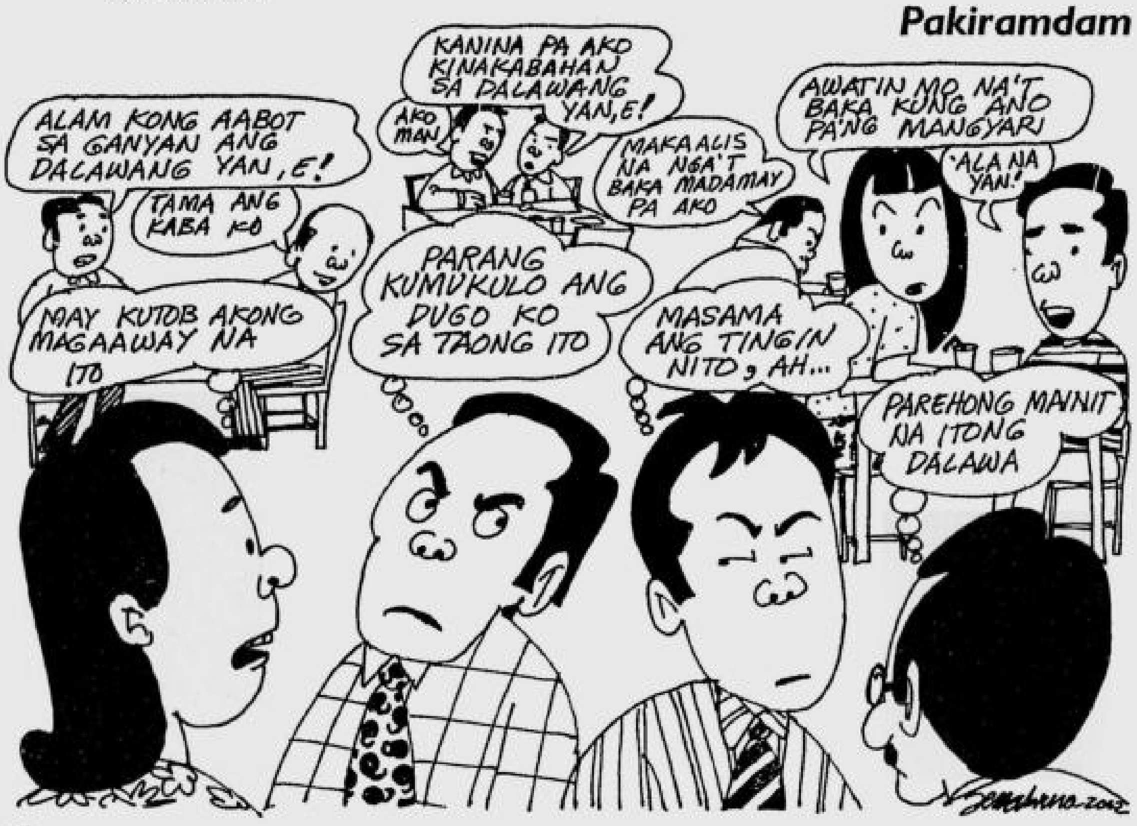
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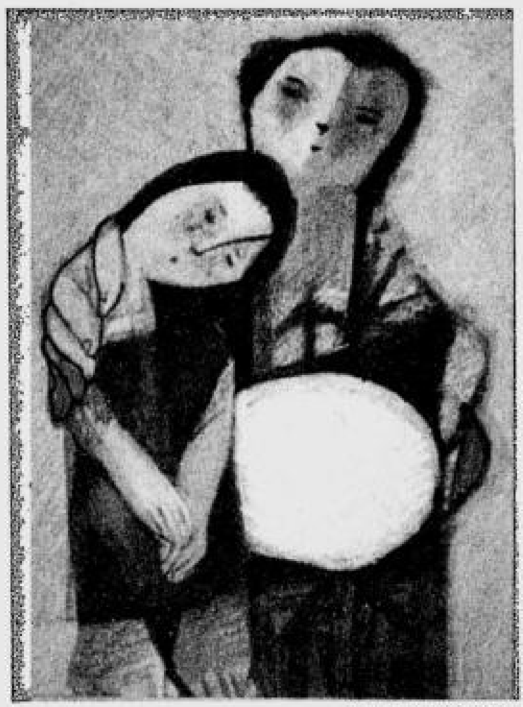
The Grand Malang Draw

Only a few tickets remain for the Grand Malang Draw on Aug. 24. The raffle celebrates the 112th birthday of the late Jorge B. Vargas who donated the University of the Philippines' art, Filipiniana and memorabilia museum. Proceeds from ticket sales will support part of the UP Vargas Museum's renovation projects including widening the driveway and making the museum more accessible to visitors. The artist Malang donated 100 of his artworks and each ticket holder is guaranteed to win one of them. On Aug. 19-24 at the Vargas Museum, the Malang artworks will be on view before the draw on Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. For inquiries, call Evelyn Mariano at 928-7508 or 920-5301 loc. 7215.



Malang's "Mother and Child"

Britain

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ents are in Australia and my only brother is in the UK. We get on with our lives. On the other hand, Asians find it difficult to imagine being apart from their families."

While Americans and Europeans are generally straightforward, Gill learned first hand in Indonesia that Asians hate to "lose face. There's a zero tolerance of that in Asian cultures; it's a very big cultural *faux pas* to dress someone down in public. If I show displeasure to someone in public with colleagues present, there's a lot of anguish and pain." Eventually, she learned that, in moments of displeasure with her staff, "I had to call them to my office and shut the door."

Interestingly, this woman who expresses genuine appreciation for other cultures finds that there is more that the world has to know about the British themselves.

"Being British is not just about being white Anglo-Saxon. Ours is a vibrant, multi-cultural society. You can be Asian or black, and still be British," she emphasizes.

In the Philippines, BC showcases the many aspects of the UK in several ways: through film festivals, art shows, cultural performances and concerts, as well as governance seminars on topics like human rights, corruption, government regulations, and so on.

The BC's main focus right now, though, is to encourage Filipinos to study in the UK.

"We're offering courses on business, engineering, technology, administration, development studies, fashion, and arts and design which are the most in demand in the Philippines," says Gill. A British education, she adds, "teaches you not what to think but how to think and analyze."

Quality—in education, the teachers, and the students—is something that UK universities cannot afford to compromise. "If they don't deliver, they don't get funding. Each year, they get rated for teaching and research. They're given funds based on performance, examination results, and student evaluations."

One deterrent among eager Filipino students is the astronomical cost of studying and residing in the UK. Concedes Gill, "I don't think we can deny that it is expensive. But the master's degree is compact, it's intensive study for one year. You go straight into specialization without the foundation courses. And because it's compact, it can cut down on costs."

She also offers, "While London is one of the most expensive cities in the world, there are a lot of very good universities outside London. They're located in cities with a good cultural life: seminars, theaters, concerts."

Global competitiveness, the explosion of information, and the demands for higher quality education may soon turn cultural exchange, once merely an option for the elite, into an imperative for many working Filipinos as well.

"I don't think any country can afford to be insular anymore," Gill says. "To succeed in the global marketplace, people must have their eyes open to lots of possible ways of operating. I myself feel that I've learned a lot by living in other people's cultures."

For this lady, that kind of education is a wonderful adventure that may never stop. Q.

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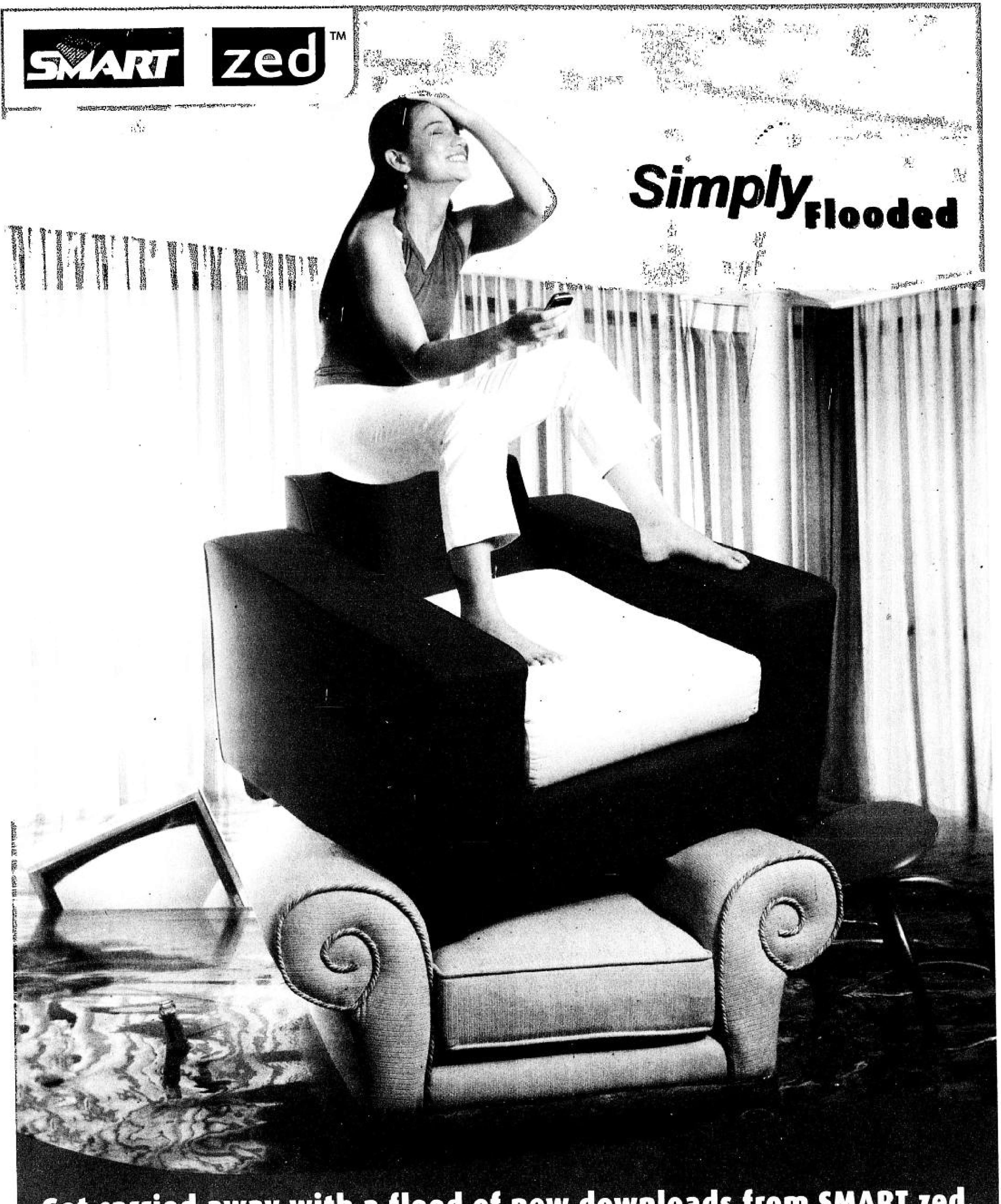
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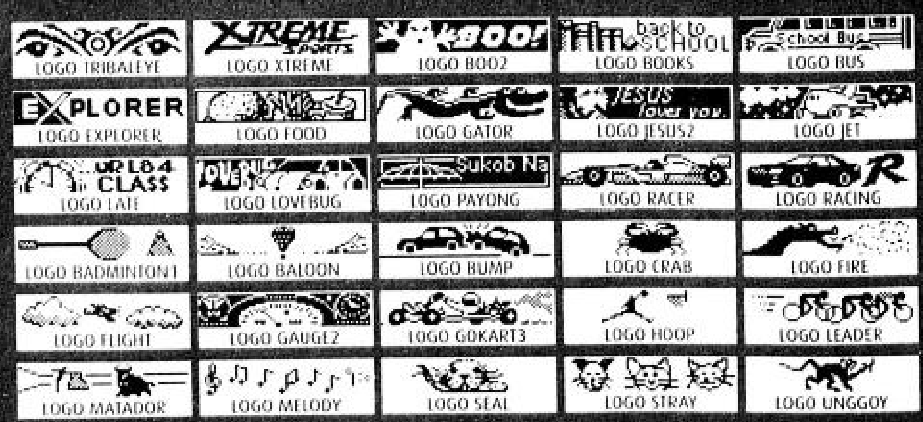
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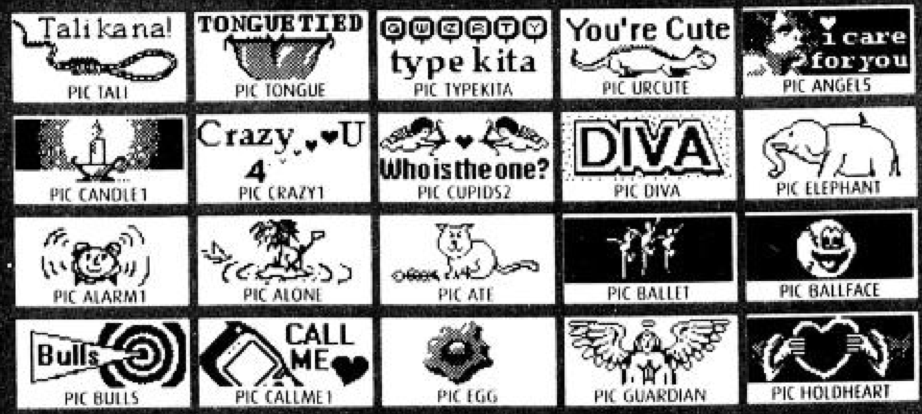
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